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RECORD

OF THE

DESCENDANTS

OF

JOHANN JOST WENTZ,

BY

RICHARD W. WENTZ,

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

BINGHAMTON DAILY REPUBLICAN,
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INTRODUCTORY.

To My Relatives:

When I first contemplated writing this record, I had no idea that it would ever be put in book form. I merely intended it as an employment for my evening hours, and as a reference for myself only, consequently a preface to my work was not considered necessary; but, in writing to different relatives for information, I found several who were desirous of having copies. This has made an explanation on my part somewhat important.

In the Summer of 1879 I was informed that a gentleman in New York had a history of the Wentz family, written in German. I became quite curious to see this book, in order, if possible, to trace the ancestry of our family. The owner, Wilhelm Wentz, who had lately arrived in this country from Hanover, Germany, very kindly loaned me the work, but I was considerably disappointed on looking it over (with a translator) at finding nothing whatever concerning our line.

The author of this book, Rev. Carl Frederich Wilhelm Julius Wentz, who resides in Wartenberg, in Pommerania, Prussia, at the time of compiling his work knew nothing about our family, as none of his correspondents, in sending him records of the different families, mentioned our ancestor, they evidently having no knowledge of him or of his descendents.

During the past four years I have had some very interesting letters from the author of this book. These letters have been of a very warm-hearted nature, not unlike

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others that I have since received from certain of my own relatives. He has mentioned in one or two of Wentz families who are interred in churchyards in Basel, Switzerland, where on the doors of their sepulchers are cut their family crest, or coat of arms (a copy of this crest is now in my possession). The inscriptions on some of these tombs date back nearly four hundred years.

Mr. Wentz tells me that at one time a Carl Ludwig Wentz was Stallmeister (Master of the Horse) to the Duke of Baden; also of others in high positions and fine circumstances.

I have been unable to discover how we are connected with any family recorded in Mr. Wentz's work, and it is quite probable that such information will never be obtained. It would certainly give me unbounded satisfaction to have our family line traced back three or four hundred years, but there are no means by which it could be done. Rev. Mr. Wentz could not under any circumstances attempt such an undertaking, as he is now seventy-two years of age, and broken down in health. He has, however (since our correspondence began), made inquiries in that part of Germany from which our family originated, and in answer to one of his letters he received intelligence which has convinced me that our line, as far back as 1677, has been discovered. This information was communicated to me in his letter of May 4, 1882. He says:

> "In 1677, Rev. Heinrich Heisins compiled a book of records concerning the residents of Beerfelden. From this book it is seen that at that time a Hans Jobst Wentz was a resident of that town. Said Wentz had a son bearing his father's full name, and a daughter named Margaret, consequently families by the name of Wentz lived in Beer-

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felden more than two hundred years ago. Later records show that toward the end of the last century there lived three brothers Wentz in Beerfelden, who all owned breweries. They were popular men, and were diversely called:

1. Beer Jockel.
2. Beer Jost.
3. Beer Michael.

No. 2, Jost Wentz, left Beerfelden with a son named John Peter, in the month of May, 1773, for America. One of the above named brothers (Michael) had two great grandsons, one of whom died at Turin, Italy, in 1847. The other one, Oswald Wentz, Secretary in a Court of Justice in Beerfelden, compiled a family book (which, however, has been lost). He died at Beerfelden, in 1849. It is also said of the stock of Michael, there are two brothers in America, besides there are yet alive in Beerfelden two sons of the late Oswald Wentz, and these alone carry our name in Beerfelden at the present day. This information is to the largest part a statement made by a man named Schmal, a relative of the Wentz family. Beerfelden is in the old Earldom Erbach. The noblemen of Alzei were related to the Earls of Erbach, and the noblemen of Alzei carried the name of Wentz."

For the information of those relatives who are not aware how our family originated in this country, I will say that Jost Wentz, mentioned in the above letter, was our ancestor. His full name was Johann Jost Wentz.*

*Pronounced Yohann Yost.

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Regarding the Hans Jobst Wentz, who lived in Beerfelden in 1677, I fully believe he was either Grandfather or Great-grandfather (probably the latter) to our ancestor. We know that the name Hans is the same as Johann or John, and as the Germans were noted in olden times for dropping certain letters in Christian names, the name Jobst, it is possible, was reduced to Jost. I have been told by well educated Germans that my ideas on this point were certainly correct. On account of this name, Hans Jobst or Johann Jost, being carried through so many generations, we may infer that it was a favorite name with our ancestors.

From a letter received by my father, in 1857, from Johann Adam Schmal (by whom most of the information was given to the writer of the above letter), I learn that he (Mr. Schmal) was a grandson of Jacob Wentz, who was a brother of Johann Jost Wentz. The names Jacob and Jockel are identical. The people in Southern Germany very often use the latter, therefore "Beer Jockel" was Mr. Schmal's grandfather. Mr. Schmal is still living in Beerfelden, at the age of eighty.

My father also received another letter from Mr. Schmal, under date of July 7th, 1883, containing information which confirms my ideas regarding our pedigree, and the name Johann Jost, also giving the date of our ancestor's birth. Heretofore we have only known the year, not the exact date. He says:

> "We learn from the official record that on December 13th, 1749, between 7 and 8 P. M., was born to Johann Jost Wentz, brewer and citizen of Beerfelden, of his wife Anna Catherine, a son, who was baptized December 14th, 1749, receiving his father's full name, Johann Jost. Witness, Jacob Kumpf, weaver and citizen of Beerfelden."

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Beerfelden (pronounced Bayrfelden) is located in the province of Starkenburg, in the Grand Duchy of Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, and about half-way between the towns of Erbach and Eberbach, fifteen miles. A small stream called the Mümling (Meemling) river rises in and runs through the town.

A common mistake is made as to the derivation of the name Beerfelden. Many will think at once that it is connected with beer (malt liquor), but such is not the case. The latter in German is spelled bier, but Beerfelden means bare fields.

Many times during past years I have thought that our family was well worthy having some kind of record kept of it, but not until I began corresponding with Rev. Mr. Wentz did I have any idea of writing it myself. Undoubtedly this work might have fallen into more able hands, and it was my intention at one time to ask one or two relatives to undertake it, but on second thought I concluded (as I was in possession of several items regarding the family, and directly corresponding with our friend in Germany, besides, perhaps, having as much leisure time as others), to do it myself, and I find that my task meets with the hearty approval of a great many members of the family.

This work is simply a record of dates of births, marriages and deaths of the descendents of our ancestor, with occasional items of interest regarding certain ones. I do not claim it to be a history, although it is as complete perhaps as any of my relatives could make it.

Here I will say that some of the most necessary details, *i. e.*: dates regarding the second generation of our family, were given me by Daniel Wentz, of Parryville, Pa. I had a very interesting correspondence with him during the Autumn of 1881 and Winter of 1881 and 1882, and his death, which occurred in February, 1882, caused me profound sorrow. He was very much interested in

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my work, and had he lived could have assisted me materially.

Again, I have been unable to record every descendant of our ancestor, as the families of George Cragens Wentz and Edwin Julius Wentz (both being descendants of John Peter Wentz) cannot be recorded. The former cannot be found, even after careful research, and the latter is probably disinclined to reply to any communication he may have received on the subject.

It is a matter of congratulation to the whole family to know that among us all there has been nothing hereditary in the way of disease. Several who have lived to old age have been troubled by a disorder tending toward dyspepsia; others have had rheumatic troubles (this complaint is, of course, common among the older members of any family), while a very few have suffered from kidney complaints. Those who have lived beyond their twentieth birthday, with very few exceptions, have enjoyed long lives. Many have died during childhood, being victims of acute diseases or accidents. The lives of our ancestor's immediate family, reckoning himself and wife, average seventy-nine years. This will perhaps compare favorably with any family ever recorded. A chapter might be written on our physical characteristics, but I will pass it by with the assertion that I am very proud of our large noses.

In Rev. Mr. Wentz's German history, three or four pages are devoted to the description of coats of arms belonging to the different families. I have ordered from Berlin a copy of the Hessen Darmstadt crest, under which our family comes, and if any relatives would like to adopt it, slight alterations can be made by which the American family (ours) may be distinguished from the German family.

Those relatives who have so kindly assisted me in this undertaking, will please accept hearty thanks. I sincerely trust that in future years some younger member of

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the family may be interested enough to revise and perpetuate this record.

And now, if my work will be the means of the present and future generations bearing in remembrance the good and honest men and women who were reared in Northampton County, Pa., and their immediate children, of whom only a very few are yet alive, I shall consider myself well repaid for my endeavor.

RICHARD WILLING WENTZ.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1883.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

ELMIRA, N. Y., October 24th, 1883.

MR. R. W. WENTZ,
Brooklyn.

Dear Cousin:—I really have not time to write you as I would wish in regard to your work, but I do most heartily thank you for the effort, and congratulate you on its completion.

Truly your Cousin,
W. F. WENTZ.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., October 30th, 1883.

MR. R. W. WENTZ,
Brooklyn.

Dear Bro.:—I am glad to learn that your enthusiasm on genealogy is about to break out, and in the publication of your work on the Wentz family I already congratulate you on what I consider an assured success. My knowledge of the family is confined to its modern branches, but it satisfies me that they could not have come from inferior blood. I look forward to the long promised information on our Dutch ancestors with much interest, and I ask to be booked for one of the first publications. "Hold the mirror up to nature," and let us see how we look, but my æsthetic taste prompts me to implore you to cut it off this side of the tail period. I am unwilling to have my high estimation of the Wentz family marred by a picture of an early Wentz swinging from a limb by an appendage unknown to the present generation. Truly your Brother,

J. A. WENTZ.

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AQUASHICOLA, Pa., Nov. 6th, 1883.

MR. R. W. WENTZ,
Brooklyn.

Dear Cousin:—As far as I have any knowledge of the family of Johann Jost Wentz (my grandfather) they are a respected people, true to their trusts, and held in high esteem for their moral, religious and temperance principles.

I am glad to hear that you have so nearly completed the record, and I hope to live and see it in its printed copy. May the Lord bless you in your undertaking.

Your Cousin in Friendship and Love,

LEVI WENTZ.

WACOUTA, Minn., Nov. 5th, 1883.

MR. R. W. WENTZ,
Brooklyn.

Dear Cousin:—I have no doubt but that eventually our family will become as numerous as the Smiths, Browns or Jones'. They are too honest to acquire sudden fortunes, or become politicians. Too proud to beg. Too independent to become social jackals, and too contrary to be driven. The name should be guarded with a jealousy that will keep it clear of even a taint of meanness. It should be handed down to future generations as clear of blot as possible, so that it will be an honor to be a Wentz. I hope the binding of your book will be well done. It should be characteristic of the family whose record it carries: Solid.

Truly your Cousin,

J. F. WENTZ.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 1st, 1883.

MR. R. W. WENTZ,
Brooklyn.

Dear Brother:—In reply to yours of the 29th ult., I

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will say that I look forward to the publishing of the genealogical facts of the Wentz family with a good deal of interest, and hoping all the while you may not unearth anything to make me ashamed I was ever born of this stock.

As you have been as industriously at work as the miner digging for silver or gold, so like him I hope you may be able to develop some characters of sterling worth. You may no doubt in your research find some in the family who may present a rough exterior, bristling at every point like the chestnut burr; yet let us hope that when the frosts of time shall have ripened and softened their mind and character they will resemble more the interior of the burr, which in its unfolding presents to us the fullness, richness and beauty of Divine growth. I can only add, go ahead, believing you will receive for your reward the thanks of the present generation and the coming posterity of the whole Wentz family. I am, with high regard,

Your Brother,

E. L. WENTZ.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 21st, 1883.

MR. R. W. WENTZ,
Brooklyn.

Dear Cousin:—I congratulate you on the courage evinced in your undertaking to trace out the origin and extent of the Wentz family, especially as it must have required considerable labor to obtain necessary information from Germany. It is now over one hundred years since our Great-grandfather landed with his family in America. This is the seed from which the American branch sprung, and it has spread far and wide through the country. It must have required patience and research to trace out its wanderings.

In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you on the

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completion of a work which must largely interest all descendants from the original stock.

Very truly yours,

C. W. WENTZ.

PROVO CITY, Utah, May 30th, 1882.

MR. R. W. WENTZ.

Dear Cousin :—Yours of the 22d inst. just received, and I feel more grateful to you on behalf of our fathers and mothers of a past generation than I can at present express. Your work is certainly a very praiseworthy one, and I believe may be of more use than even you think of. I shall be glad to do all I can to help forward it.

Truly yours,

P. M. WENTZ.

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THE NAME WENTZ.

(Translated from the German of Rev. C. T. W. J. Wentz.)

At first there existed no family names in Germany, but solely individual names, as in the Old Testament, where the son of Abraham was called Isaac, and Isaac's son Jacob. Not before the tenth century, when the feudal tenures became hereditary did the nobility commence to adopt the name of their estates, or perhaps called the estates after themselves. Thus the family names originated, though only gradually.

The burghers of the cities imitated the nobility. Throughout the German lands, however, the Christian (baptismal) names retained the highest importance, so that only these were used in common life. At the beginning of the seventeenth century there were found in books, catalogues of names, arranged according to Christian names, so that, for instance, Luther was found under Martin and Melanchton under Philip.

The prevailing use of Christian names extended beyond the thirty years war, and although we can find family names about the year 1400 in all families in any way distinguished, there were still in the last century families of the lower classes as well as in very remote parts that had no fixed names.

The inhabitants of the island of Norderney had only Christian names until the year 1810. Thence it is obvious that:

1st.—In innumerable cases, family names were formed

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of Christian names, for which reason we meet with many Christian names as family names, for example: Carl, Fredrick, Otto, Bernhard, etc.*

Very frequently the son was called after the father; for instance: Peter's son, abridged Petersen, Peters.

2d.—Many occasions for the formation of names were offered by the estate, country, or place from which an individual descended or came. Example: Hesse (Hessian), Schwabe (Schwabian). Luther's Assistant Bugenhagen was called Doctor Pommer, because he came from Pommerania.

3d.—Character, defects, events, etc. procured for some individuals a surname which became fixed. Example: Kluge (meaning Wise), Grosse (Large), Klein (Small), Yung (Young), Weis (White), etc.

4th.—Occupation, employment, trade, led to the formation of many family names. For instance: Jäger (Hunter), Köhler (Charcoal burner), Schultz (Mayor), Müller (Miller), etc.

5th.—in the cities, the signs of houses supplied an extraordinary number of families with names, just as now many houses in Frankfort, Worms, Speier, have still retained a sign, as only apothecaries and inns in other cities have done, thus formerly each house had its sign, the name of which was transferred to its owner. Example: Kaiser (Emperor), König (King), Ritter (Knight), Adler (Eagle), Taube (Dove), Blume (Flower), etc. All German family names, with few exceptions, are classified under these five rubrics, but it must be considered that a great many old German forms have grown obselete, and not a few somehow corrupted; that many names have undergone alterations, and that a great number of persons of Polish, Bohemian, Hungarian, French, Hollandish and

*Williams, Edwards, Henry, Stephens, Richards, St. John, Howard, Alexander Lewis, etc., etc.

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Italian extraction settled in Germany, and that therefore their names in many cases assumed a German form.

Let us now look at our name *Wentz.* We shall soon agree that it cannot be derived from either a sign, place or character; there is a possibility of its being derived from an occupation. The counsellor, M. Fredrick Bogislav Wentz* who lived at Potsdam many years ago, claimed that the name evolved from Winzer (Vintager), because on the Rhine where it is found early there are so many vineyards and vintagers or wine makers; however, this derviation is not probable as will be alleged subsequently. Thus there remain only Christian names from which it could come, and we meet instantly with some names from which Wentz could be derived—namely, the old high German "Wencicho" and the Bohemian "Wenceslaus." From Wencicho the name of Wentzig may have been derived, but not Wentz. Then we find Wenceslaus with its abbreviations, Wenzel, Wenz, Wenzke, Wenzky, Wensch, and with these the derivation of the name Wentz seems to be found and further researches unnecessary. But the matter is by no means so simple. We find in Latin documents:

1st—About 1198 a Wenzelo de Berge.

2d—1267, Wenzelo de Garbenheim, near Wetzlar.

3d—1278, Wenzelo Miles de Gutherskirchen.

4th—1315, in Hesse, a Wenzelo Miles de Engelhusin (Knight of Engelhausen) and his wife Cunzela.

5th—1323, Wenzelo Schelme Miles, and finally, 1315, Wenzelo de Kebel and his daughter Gisela.

Wenzel is unmistakably a Bohemian form—namely, the abbreviation of Wenceslaus, and appears in 1367,

*Father of the author.

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where Emperor Charles IV. says: "We demand that you to the King Wenzela, our dear son," etc. The name is also spelled Wenczlav and Wentzlav. The form of Wenzelo is by no means Latin but German. Just as from Benz, Benzel, and from Henz, Henzel has been formed, thus from Wenz, Wenzel. It must instantly appear strange that in these Latin documents is not mentioned Wenceslaus de Berge, but Wenzelo de Berge, etc., and thus continued from 1198. Wenzelo is a German name, as the termination o proves.

In the old high German, the masquline gender is denoted by o, as it appears now in the names Bruno, Otto, Hugo, the feminine gender by a, as Cunzela and Gisela. Like Wenzelo, we find similar German forms, Wezelo, Hezelo, which certainly appear more frequently,—for the six names above have been selected out of many thousands through four or five centuries.

The peculiar circumstance presents itself with this that Wenzel could originate either from contraction of the Bohemian Wenceslaus or from expansion of the German Wenzo. The final o in German names was afterward eliminated. Hereupon it would follow that the frequently appearing family name of Wenzel need not always be derived from Wenzeslaus, but may be German. As with Wenzel it is with Wenz. It is in Bohemian an abbreviatian of Wenzeslaus; in German likewise an abbreviation of a name; therefore this form is extant in both languages. Our ancestors liked to form pet or endearing names by the diminutive suffix z. With this, and then by expansion of the previously shortened names, they formed incredibly strange words. They took the first syllable and affixed a z, thus making of Cunrad, Cunz; in an arbitrary manner they often retained the beginning only as far as the vowel, and then suffixed the z; they formed of Gebhard, Gezo; of Hadamar, Hazzo. If, how-

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ever, the name commenced with a vowel, this was sufficient to affix the z. Adalbert became Azzo, etc.

We meet, for instance, with

Name	*Abbreviation.*	*Pet Name.*
Matthias,	Matthis,	Matz,
Heinrich,	Heinel,	Heinz,
Rudolf,	Rudel,	Rutz,
Gottfried,	Göttel,	Götz.

Wendelin, Wendel, Wentz, without doubt originated according to this analogy. To St. Wendelin many churches were consecrated; for instance, the famous Chapel in Basel, Switzerland, where the 800 heroic Swiss fell; the churches of St. Wendelin, near Ehrenbreitenstein, and at Caub, Mayence, etc. Names of places are also met with, as in Rhenish, Hesse, south of Ingelheim, a village of Wendelheim, south of Nuremberg, a Wendelstein; and St. Wendel, the capital of the principality of Lichtenberg, in the district of Trier. The name of Wendelin is a very old German one, whch indeed was Wandalin, Wandal. The sonorous a of antiquity weakened generally into ae, then e; thus Wandalin and Wandal became Wandelin and Wandel, finally Wendelin and Wendel. The name St. Wendelin appears first about the year 600. But at the same time we meet with the diminutive and endearing forms with z. In 744 the name Quanzo is found in a work published by Pardessus. As the Latin language had no w, v, vv, gu (Guilemus), or even qu was substituted.

At the time of King Pipin there appears a Wanzo, when a certain Anno made a donation to the famous convent of St. Gallen. The same name is recorded in 761, 762, 790, 797, 802, which is spelled Wanzo, and in 854 Wanzzo. Later appears a Wanso and even Uencio; the u in the last word is nothing but v or w, to be read Wencio.

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In 1041 Pertz, a historian, in writing of the Bishop Wazo says: Hic Wazo fuit frater Wenzonis Abbatis Florinis. (This Wazo was a brother of the Abbot Wenzo of Florence.) Our name appears here for the first time in old high German shape, with the termination o, perhaps not as a family name but as a Christian name.

In 1244 there is mentioned an Elizabeth Wenzonis, near Zell, on the Moselle river. In 1277 we find the Wentzenfeld (Wentz's field) near Bingen on the Rhine, which field the Count Sponheim entailed on the bishop of Mayence; 1318 a Wentzo is recorded as a witness; 1341 Wentzo Kyppe, at Bingen, had a litigation with the Convent of Ruppertsberg; 1361 there lived at Oppenheim Wentzo dictus Swendegelt, and 1409 Wentz of Oppenheim came to Basel and became a citizen there.* Thus our name appears in an almost uninterrupted line for 1100 years, changing indeed as language changed.

From the records above it is clerely obvious that the name of "Wentz" appears mostly at such times and in such countries where Bohemian influence had no power, consequently there is no reason whatever to recur to the Bohemian Wenceslaus. Regarding the name Wenceslaus, we have no precise knowledge of its history. We suppose, however, that it may have developed from the German form in Bohemia, and then returned to Germany in a Slavic form through the Catholic saint and the Emperor Wenceslaus, and thus spread, favored by both circumstances and nearly abrogated the name of Wendelin, Wendel, or yet the abreviation Wenzo. At one time they began even to consider Wenzo an abreviation of Wenceslaus, although the termination o speaks decidedly against that derivation. Thus Guden, a historian, in 1396, mentions the Canon Wenzo de Hexheim, at Mayence. This Wenzo, in 1437, is abruptly called Wences-

*In the original of this article authorities are given for every quotation.

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laus de Hexheim, after having been called Wenzo for forty years. It was at the time of the Emperor of this name, and therefore the name of Wenceslaus had generally gained ascendancy.

We believe now to have herewith clearly demonstrated that Wentz is an ancient German Christian name; that, therefore, it was already in existence at the time when Christian names commenced to change into family names; that previous to and at that time Bohemian influence did not assert itself; but that, about 1400, family names being already in general use, the Christian name of Wenceslaus became common, which then was abbreviated to Wenz, or even Wentz, though only as a Christian name. Thus probably the endearing form of Wendelin ceased. As we found in old high German the most varied forms, namely, Quanzo, Vanzo, Wanzo, Wansso, Wanzzo, Wenzo, Wentzo, we may assume to meet with various new forms in the development of the middle high German into new high German. Thus we now find the names of Wanz, Wenz, Wens, Wentz, Quanz. In most cases the initial letter has established itself as W, and the full vowel a has been weakened into e; the various terminations have become z, s, tz. Considering the origin of the word and that the diminutive suffix z has been a sharp sound, as is shown by the spelling of Wanzzo, Wansso, the old high German z would answer the new German tz, as other names like Azzo, Wizzo, Hazzo corroborate. Already, in ancient time, they endeavored to make this perceptible by introducing the spelling tz after the letter t had come into use, as a sharp sign. While in old high German they could only spell Wenzo possibly Wenzzo, there began in the middle of the thirteenth century the use of tz, for there we find already the forms Wetzelo, 1277 the Wentzenfeld, near Bingen, and at Mayence, 1318, Wentzo. From this period both Wenzo and Wentzo appear simultaneously for a time until Wenzo, by drop-

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ping the o, established itself as the high German form of Wentz. Thus our name appears from 1409, in Basel, now nearly five hundred years. We meet with it also at Mayence, in 1314. Our way of spelling it has existed since 1277, as is proved by documents, though through ignorance or inadvertance as well as through the defective authography of ancient time we meet now and then, although exceptionally, with the form of Wenz.

Leu, the historian, in the helvetic lexicon (1764), spells at first Wenz, and hereupon Ochs, in his history of Basel, seems to rely, for he always spells Wenz, while all the numerous old monuments and manuscripts at Basel show only Wentz. The spelling of Leu and Ochs is therefore obviously wrong.

About the year 1800 the Wurtemberg family Wentz abandoned the spelling of their ancestors, and introduced the new form of Wenz. They were followed soon after by the Nordlinger family. This is of little importance to us, as other families insisted strictly upon the correct spelling, because the fathers exhorted their children often, "Do not omit the t, for thus our ancestors spelled their name." If now and then some one did not conform to this, he was not followed, but the old traditional spelling was continued, for in this case tradition alone decides.

We find the spelling "Wenz" only since 1700, and it is now most remarkable that the Catholic families, without exception, spell Wenz, thus they can be distinguished from the Protestant Wentz. Probably the first derive their name from Wenceslaus, which abbreviated is likely to be Wenz.

We find also different forms of spelling in other names, whereby the various branches were distinguished. There are, for instance, families Benz and Bentz, Lenz and Lentz, Diez and Dietz, Walz and Waltz, Welz and Weltz, Leiz and Leitz, and very many others.

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In conclusion, it must be remarked that as our name is derived from Wandalin, Wendelin, it is of particular importance to us.

St. Wendelin, born about 554, was a son of a Scotch King. His father, King Ferchard, entrusted the boy to a bishop for education. There he acquired a desire for divine objects, renounced his hereditary rights and the throne, and visited holy shrines in the garb of a pilgrim. Thus he came to a wilderness of the so-called Westerreich, built a hut there, and later became a shepherd in the service of a Knight of Trier, whom he succeeded in converting to the Christian faith. He afterward became a hermit in the convent of the Benedictines, at Tholey, and cured the sick cattle of the peasantry, and afterward reluctantly accepted the management of the convent as abbot, where he died, 617.

His corpse was brought to his former hermitage, a chapel was built over it, to which pilgrims of all parts came, especially from England and Scotland. Later a village was built there, out of which the Archbishop Balduin, of Trier, in 1327, created the city of St. Wendel, belonging now to the district of Trier.

The Catholic Church has appointed the 23d of October as St. Wendel's day, but in our (Lutheran) almanac it is celebrated on the 20th of October.

St. Wendelin was highly respected, especially as it seems by the peasants along the Rhine, as the royal pious shepherd is the patron saint of the cattle. In olden times children were baptized on the day of their birth, and if they were born on any saint's day, the custom was to name them after the saint. Now it may safely be concluded that our ancestor was born and christened on either the 20th or 23d of October, many centuries ago. Where he lived and what he was, we indeed do not know, but we are quite certain as to his birthday, and that

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would then, at the same time, be the birthday of the family of Wentz. With this we do not assert at all that all families of Wentz must spring from the same progenitor, for that does not follow from the name they have in common. It is possible that "Wentzs" lived at various places where the Christian name changed into a family name.

Following is a sketch of our ancestor, written by my father several years since. In this article there are three incidents, which are said to have actually occurred, the facts of which my father obtained from his father (John Peter Wentz) and his uncles, Jacob and William Wentz. It is admitted, however, that in using the name of Colonel Siebert in connection with the last incident there is a possibility of a mistake. This, however, does not make the truthfulness of that incident the least doubtful, as the legend of the "Pear Tree and the Well" is to-day well known in Beerfelden.

In May, 1773, Johann Jost Wentz and his wife, Anna Elizabeth Horn, with their two small children, John Peter, three years old, and Barbara, aged one year, left their native home, Beerfelden, in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, as emigrants to America. They arrived safely at Philadelphia sometime in September or October, having been detained a short time at Amsterdam. The infant, Barbara, died on the voyage and was buried in the ocean.

This family readily found friends in Philadelphia, and were kindly cared for, removing very soon to Upper Milford township, Northampton County (now Lehigh County), Pa., in the employ of a wealthy farmer, Colonel Siebert. At this place Johann Jost and his faithful wife reared a large and acceptable family, John Peter, Jacob,

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John George, Magdeline, John, Elizabeth and William. After remaining here some time, with increasing favor and acceptability to his employer and neighbors, and having acquired a small means above their immediate wants, Johann purchased some fifty acres of land lying near the Watergap of the Lehigh River, about twenty-one miles above Easton, in Northampton County. Here, with great industry, he cultivated, improved and extended his new farm and worked at his trade, cooper.

Johann Jost, it is said, was a man possessing a contemplative mind, great conscientiousness and unswerving integrity. He was also a man of strong affection and kindness in his own family circle. He had in addition to these graces early acquired a good business education, sufficient to render him competent as a teacher in his native German, and useful as an umpire in the various conflicts incidental to practical life.

It is impossible to give but little of incident regarding his early life, or of the occurrences of his more mature years. It was said, however, by those who knew him well, that he possessed a genial and social habit and a kindness of heart that endeared him to his neighbors and his familiar associates.

We learn that it was with a good degree of complacence that he used to relate an occasional incident of his school-boy days in the Odenwaldt Mountains, one (to render our story more familiar) we may be permitted to give, in which he and some twenty other boys had, with much labor, conveyed to the top of a high hill a "grosser schlitten" (great sleigh), which they fastened with a cord. The snow had covered the smooth surface of the long and steep descent before them. When all were seated on board the cord was cut, and they soon found themselves driving at breathless speed. On reaching the base of the steeper descent, they discovered that the sleigh was directing its course toward the broadside of a

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neighboring house. Such of the passengers as found it possible plunged off on either side, but the sleigh only came to a stand still when more than half its length had entered the house. Several were injured, but no lives were lost. Many of the boys were soon missing from school, and remained concealed until the damages were settled.

Our memoranda also relates that on a certain occasion, when a young man, he was engaged with others of a hunting party in the chase, the rules and by-laws of which inflicted the penalty of a black mark upon the cheek of any who shot amiss at a deer. Both Johann and his nearest associate, having in the course of the day the required opportunity, fired at the same time. The buck, of enormous size, made no halt, but escaped into the forest, and could not be found. Their protestations that one or both had wounded the game proved unavailing, and both submitted to wear the black mark at the supper table and to become the butt of sport and ridicule of the party; but it is said, however, that the humiliation of these two individuals was abundantly remunerated the next day after returning to the forest and finding the lost game.

One more incident as a memento of this ancestor may not be wholly without interest to his descendants. In taking leave of his parents and friends at Beerfelden, as we have stated, it was contemplated that on the death of his father a small legacy payable in money would be coming to Johann, and which would be subject to his order from America. To guard against the possibility of mistake or imposition, a watchword or countersign was specifically agreed upon and put on record. "Der Biernbaum welcher bei dem brunnen wuchs." (The pear tree which grows by the well.)

Some years after, hearing of the death of his father,

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Johann learning that Col. Siebert (?) was going on business to Frankfort on Main, availing himself of the opportunity, sent an order for his legacy, but the necessary countersign was forgotten. Col. Siebert was a man of fine personal accomplishments and known integrity; he found the old homestead and presented the order or power of attorney. The funds were soon in readiness for delivery, and he was asked for the watchword, which he was unable to give and of which he had no knowledge. He was immediately prosecuted for attempting to procure money under false pretenses and thrown into prison, where he remained until the news could he sent to America, and an explanation with the necessary watchword could be obtained, requiring at that day some three or four months time.

The legacy was obtained, but suffered the moderate reduction of some three hundred dollars for the detention of Col. Siebert.

Our ancestor was as regards religion a strict Lutheran, ever asserting a strong and steadfast faith in a Divine Spirit, acknowledging at all times the goodness of God, and trusting implicitly in the saving power of Jesus Christ. This spirit was intuitively derived from him by his children.

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JOHANN JOST WENTZ

Was born in the town of Beerfelden, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, on December 13th, 1749.

He married Anna Elizabeth Horn probably in 1768 or 1769.

Following are their children:

a.—John Peter Wentz, born at Beerfelden on March 9th, 1770. See Page 30.

b.—Barbara Wentz, born at Beerfelden in the year 1772, died during the summer of 1773.

c.—Jacob Wentz, born in Upper Milford township, Northampton County (now Lehigh County), Pa., on August 21st, 1777.

d.—John George Wentz, born in Upper Milford township on April 11th, 1778.

e.—Magdeline Wentz, born in Upper Milford township on November 21st, 1781, was married to Peter Masters, in Lehigh township, Northampton Co., Pa., in 1803, died at Berlinsville, Northampton Co., Pa., on April 30th, 1873.

f.—John Wentz, born in Upper Milford township on July 19th, 1784.

g.—Elizabeth Wentz, born in Upper Milford township on December 25th, 1788, was married to Ira Rood in the town of Chenango (now Kirkwood), Broome County, New York, on January 22d, 1805, died at Binghamton, N. Y., on August 31st, 1874.

h.—William Wentz, born in Upper Milford township, on September 5th, 1789.

Johann Jost Wentz, head of this family, died at Berlinsville, Northampton Co., Pa., on May 22d, 1812, aged 62 years, 5 months and 9 days. His wife, Anna Elizabeth Wentz, died at Berlinsville on November 11th, 1845, aged 96 years, 11 months and 18 days.

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DESCENDANTS OF

JOHN PETER WENTZ,

OLDEST SON OF

JOHANN JOST WENTZ.

JOHN PETER WENTZ, oldest son of Johann Jost Wentz, was born in the town of Beerfelden, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, on March 9th, 1770. Married Margaret Rose in Upper Milford township, Northampton County, Pa., in the year 1789.

Following are their children :

a.—Elizabeth Wentz, born in Upper Milford township on August 10th, 1790; was married to David Snedaker in the town of Chenango (now Kirkwood), Broome County, N. Y., on October 20th, 1808, died in the town of Windsor, Broome County, N. Y., on November 24th, 1865.

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b.—John Wentz, born in Upper Milford township on February 10th, 1792. See Page 32.

c.—William Wentz, born in the town of Chenango (now Kirkwood), Broome County, N. Y., on February 18th, 1794. See Page 36.

d.—Justus Wentz, born in the town of Chenango on April 1st, 1796.

e.—Peter Wentz, born in the town of Chenango on May 8th, 1798.

f.—Catherine Wentz, born in the town of Chenango on June 30th, 1800; was married to George Walker Hanna at Binghamton, on June 24th, 1826; died at Waverly, N. Y., on July 9th, 1876.

g.—Jacob Wentz, born in the town of Chenango, on February 14th, 1802.

h.—George Lane Wentz, born in the town of Chenango in 1805; died in 1807, aged 2 years, 2 months and 16 days.

i.—Sally Compton Wentz, born in the town of Chenango in 1809; was married to Albert Orser, at Binghamton, in 1828, and again to H. B. Swartwood on June 21st, 1841; died at Waverly, N. Y., on May 23d, 1846.

j.—Julia Wentz, born in the town of Chenango on July 30th, 1812; was married to John Swartwood at Factoryville, Tioga County, N. Y., on December 25th, 1834; died at Waverly, N. Y., on July 15th, 1875.

k.—George Harrison Wentz, born in the town of Chenango (Now Conklin), on February 11th, 1814.

JOHN PETER WENTZ, head of this family, left Upper Milford township, Northampton County, Pa., on May 25th, 1793, to locate in the town of Chenango, in the then County of Tioga, now Broome County, New York State. He journeyed to this place with his wife and his

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two children, Elizabeth and John, and a negro named Pete, by means of a team of mules. When he reached Great Bend, Pa., he procured an old scow, into which he put his family, mules and household effects, and floated down the Susquehanna river some eight miles, to what is now Kirkwood, at which place he arrived on June 2d. On April 19th, 1806, he moved to Lamoureux place, lot 16, Bingham patent. February 18th, 1813, removed to Jackson Farm, south side of river. August 26th, 1817, removed to the village of Binghamton. In 1804 he joined the Methodist Church, of which he was a constant member until his death, which occurred at Binghamton on January 4th, 1833. His wife, Margaret Rose Wentz, died at Binghamton on March 19th, 1833.

JOHN WENTZ, the oldet son of John Peter Wentz, was born in Upper Milford township, Northampton County (now Lehigh County), Pa., on February 10th, 1792. Married Hester Sluyter, in the town of Chenango, Broome County, N. Y., on March 10th, 1812.

Following are their children:

a.—Mariam Wentz, born January 31st, 1814, was married to Nelson Butler, at Binghamton, on October 20th, 1833; died at Binghamton on September 2d, 1858.

b.—William Henry Wentz, born April 7th, 1816; died May 12th, 1816.

c.—George Cragens Wentz, born January 16th, 1817. This is one of the family whom it has been impossible to find. He left Binghamton probably about 1832, returned home for a visit about 1846, and was heard from at Saint Mary's, Georgia, just previous to the late war. Since then all trace of him has been lost.

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d.—Eliva Wentz, born October 4th, 1818; was married to James Stone, at Binghamton, on August 29th, 1837; died at Binghamton, on May 30th, 1878.

e.—Peter Wentz, born May 6th, 1821. See Page 34.

f.—Harriet Wentz, born August 4th, 1823; was married to James Tannery, at Waverly. N. Y., on June 5th, 1845. Residence Waverly.

g.—William Henry Wentz, born November 12th, 1825; died December 29th, 1825.

h.—Margaret Wentz, born August 27th, 1827; was married to Rev. Frederick L. Hiller, at Valona Springs, Broome County, N. Y., on July 24th, 1851.

i.—Wells Wentz, born August 18th, 1830. This member of the family took a very active part in crushing the late rebellion. In the engagement between the iron-clads Merrimac and Monitor he stood at his post as gunner on the latter (under the *nome de plume* of John Stocking) until the Merrimac's batteries were silenced. He continued with the Monitor until her memorable fatal passage and wreck off Cape Hatteras, where, faithful to his post, he shared with her the same watery grave.

All the above children were born at or near Binghamton, N. Y.

Hester Sluyter Wentz, mother of the above family, died at Binghamton, on December 7th, 1834.

John Wentz married his second wife, Sarah Lewis, at Choconut Centre, Broome County, N. Y,, on January 2d, 1845. One daughter was the result of this union, viz:

a.—Frances Wentz, born at Binghamton, N. Y., on October 12th, 1845; was married to Joseph Seibell, at Binghamton, on April 12th, 1880. Residence Binghamton.

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JOHN WENTZ, head of the family, followed many occupations. His experience as a lumberman caused him to become very muscular and athletic, and when a young man he would invariably defeat any competitor in feats of agility and strength. Even to his seventieth year he retained this great strength. He was a plain, jovial man, fond of story-telling, and on this account was peculiarly attractive to children.

The writer was very much attached to this member of the family, being very intimate with him, particularly during our late war, when both were engaged in recruiting soldiers—John, aged seventy, with his fife, and the writer, aged ten, with his drum.

John Wentz died at Binghamton, on August 21st, 1870.

PETER WENTZ, third son of John Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on May 6th, 1821; married Mary Ann Belcher at Binghamton, N. Y., on January 8th, 1838. Following are their children:

a.—George Cragens Wentz, born in the town of Conklin, Broome County, N. Y., on May 29th, 1840. See Page 35.

b.—Peter Wentz, Jr., born at Conklin, on October 19th, 1844. See Page 35.

c.—Edward Nooney Wentz, born in the town of Binghamton, on April 26th, 1846. See Page 36.

d.—Adelia Jennet Wentz, born in the town of Conklin, on January 8th, 1848; was married to Coniel Harley, in the town of Murderkillhundred, Delaware, on October 6th, 1869. Residence Binghamton.

e.—Mary Alice Wentz, born in the town of Binghamton, on May 13th, 1851; died May 25th, 1852.

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f.—Mary Ann Wentz, born in the town of Conklin, on May 30th, 1855; was married to Cornelius J. Gardner, in the town of Conklin, on December 25th, 1872. Residence Binghamton.

g.—Fannie Eloise Wentz, born in the town of Binghamton, on August 23d, 1857; was married to Amasa Ingraham, in the town of Binghamton, on February 24th, 1874. Residence Binghamton.

h.—Samuel Lamereaux Wentz, born in the town of Binghamton on February 28th, 1859. See Page 36.

Mary Ann Belcher Wentz, mother of this family, died at Binghamton, N. Y., on June 20th, 1881, aged 62 years.

PETER WENTZ, head of this family, is a resident of the town of Binghamton, Broome County, N. Y. His occupation has been contracting for Railroad work. Is at present farming.

GEORGE CRAGENS WENTZ, oldest son of Peter Wentz, was born in the town of Conklin, Broome County, N. Y., on May 29th, 1840. Married Hellen Hopcrupt, in the city of Binghamton, on November 9th, 1879. No children. Residence Oneida Castle, N. Y. Occupation farmer.

PETER WENTZ, Jr., second son of Peter Wentz, was born in the town of Conklin, Broome County, N. Y., on October 19th, 1844. Married Kate Hayes, in the town of Kirkwood, Broome County, N. Y., on November 24th, 1864.

Following are their children:

a.—Virginia May Wentz, born in the town of Binghamton, on September 2d, 1866.

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b.—Albert Day Wentz, born in the town of Binghamton on August 28th, 1868, died December 5th, 1870.

c.—Grace Lenore Wentz, born in the town of Binghamton on August 21st, 1870.

PETER WENTZ, Jr., head of this family, resides at Binghamton. Occupation, fireman on railroad.

EDWARD NOONEY WENTZ, third son of Peter Wentz, was born in the town of Binghamton on April 26th, 1846. Married Emily Downham in the town of Murderkillhundred, Delaware, on May 6th, 1868.

Following are their children:

a.—John Edward Wentz, born in the town of Murderkillhundred, Delaware, on March 23d, 1869.

b.—Nancy Wentz, born in the town of Conklin, Broome County, N. Y., on January 3d, 1871.

c.-d.—Minnie Wentz and Winnie Wentz (twins), born in in the town of Binghamton on February 17th, 1873. Winney died April 1st, 1873. Minnie died October 16th, 1878.

EDWARD NOONEY WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Waverly, Tioga County, N. Y. Occupation, carpenter.

SAMUEL LAMEREAUX WENTZ, fourth son of Peter Wentz, was born in the town of Binghamton on February 28th, 1859. Married Emma Hinman in the city of Binghamton on October 3d, 1880.

WILLIAM WENTZ, second son of John Peter Wentz, was born in the town of Chenango (now Kirkwood), Broome County, N. Y., on February 18th, 1794. Married Sally Compton, in the town of Chenango, on April 30th, 1815.

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Following are their children:

a.—Delisle Pulfred Wentz, born at Binghamton, N. Y., on January 18th, 1816; was married to Judge Sidney T. Holmes at Binghamton on February 28th, 1838. Residence, Bay City, Mich.

b.—Erasmus Livingston Wentz, born at Binghamton on July 8th, 1818. See Page 40.

c.—Aseneth Wentz, born at Binghamton on Febrnary 8th, 1822, died July 6th, 1823.

d.—Phoebe Carpenter Wentz, born at Binghamton on May 1st, 1824, was married to Francis T. Newell, at Morrisville, Madison County, N. Y., on July 11th, 1848; died at Binghamton on November 14th, 1878.

e.—Margaret Rose Wentz, born at Binghamton on August 2d, 1827; was married to Edwin A. Starr at Earlville, N. Y., on December 27th, 1846. Resides with her son, F. W. Starr, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

f.—Permela Sneden Wentz, born at Binghamton on October 1st, 1830; was married to Allen L. Stewart at Morrisville, N. Y., on February 22d, 1854. Residence, Bay City, Mich.

g.—William Wirt Wentz born at Binghamton on April 4th, 1833. See Page 42.

Sally Compton Wentz, mother of this family, died at Binghamton, N. Y., on May 31st, 1835. Aged 38 years.

William Wentz married his second wife, Beulah Williams, at Harpersville, Broome County, N. Y., on November 12th, 1837.

Following are their children:

a.—Charles Henry Wentz, born at Binghamton on July 10th, 1839. See Page 43.

b.—Delia Estella Wentz, born at Binghamton on October 5th, 1840.

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See Page 43. *c.*—Julian Augustus Wentz, born at Binghamton on January 22d, 1842.

d.—Adelaide Augusta Wentz, born at Binghamton on November 21st, 1843; was married to George Allan Price at Binghamton on February 15th, 1865. Residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.

e.—Myra Isabella Wentz, born at Binghamton on April 21st, 1845; was married to William H. Price at Binghamton on September 16th, 1873. Residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.

f.—Frances Josephine Wentz, born at Binghamton on May 19th, 1847; was married to John W. Lewis, at Binghamton, on June 27th, 1867. Residence, Pullman, Ill.

g.—William Mangum Wentz, born at Binghamton on July 10th, 1849; died January 8th, 1852.

See Page 44. *h.*—Francis Edwin Wentz, born at Binghamton on May 29th, 1851.

See Page 44. *i.*—Richard Willing Wentz, born at Binghamton on July 21st, 1853.

WILLIAM WENTZ, head of this family at the time of this writing, is the oldest living descendant of Johann Jost Wentz. Broome County, in which he was born, at the time of his birth was a part of Tioga County. It extended from just east of the town of Deposit, west to the village of Newtown (now Elmira), and from the Pennsylvania line, north to Chenango County.

In the winter of 1803 and 1804, at the age of ten, he commenced attending a school in the neighborhood taught by Mr. George Lane. In 1806 his Father moved to what is known as Park Farm, five miles east of Binghamton, he continuing to attend school during the winter months until 1809, in the Fall of which he himself began teaching in their own neighborhood. In the Fall of 1812 he

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accepted a clerkship in Lehigh County, Pa., remaining there about six months, when in the spring of 1813 he was offered and accepted a clerkship under a recruiting officer, a German named Jacob Fetter, at Wilkesbarre, Pa. He remained there during the summer and enlisted some sixty or seventy men. For his summer services he received only fourteen dollars, owing to the defalcation of the recruiting officer.

Returning home he again engaged in teaching at Corbettsville through the winter of 1813 and 1814, and in the summer of 1814 acted as clerk in a small country store near his home, it being then the only store between Binghamton and Great Bend.

Immediately after his marriage he entered into an arrangement with the firm of LeRoy & McKinney to sell goods on commission, he becoming responsible for sales and giving sureties, and doing business at the Park tavern, seven miles east of Binghamton.

Owing to the decline in the prices of goods, which had been much inflated during the war, he was left at the end of two years and a half with a stock depreciated in value and some fifteen hundred dollars in debt. To secure his bondsmen, he turned over his remaining stock, all the household furniture he could possibly spare, and his last cow, the avails of all of which did not cover the indebtedness. After this, for a time, he keenly felt the want of means necessary to a livelihood, until 1818, when he again engaged in teaching, taking this time the principal public school in Binghamton, situated at the corner of Washington and Hawley streets.

In 1821 he took a school on the south side of the Susquehanna river, and in the Fall of that year returned to the Washington street school.

Since that time he has turned his entire attention to the profession of Land Surveying and Civil Engineering, and in 1824 and 1825 surveyed every lot in the Bingham

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Patent, containing between thirteen and fourteen thousand acres; also about eight thousand acres east of Chenango Forks, belonging to the estate of Gov. John Jay.

In 1834 he was engaged on the preliminary or locating surveys of the Erie Railroad between Deposit and Elmira, and was Resident Engineer locating the line from Deposit to Binghamton.

In 1840 he was engaged in still further surveys for this road, and through his counsel the course of the Starucca Viaduct, near Susquehanna, was somewhat changed, obtaining a longer line and thereby lessening the grade and bringing the roadbed of the bridge some twelve feet lower, thus saving to the company about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In 1863 he located about thirty miles of the southern portion of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad.

He is probably more thoroughly acquainted with, and has given more time and attention to the theory of the use of the magnetic needle, and the peculiarities of its variation than almost any other man in the State. He has made many surveys since his eightieth birthday, and although now in his ninetieth year his services are still in demand.

Residence, Binghamton, N. Y.

Erasmus Livingston Wentz, oldest son of William Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on July 8th, 1818. Married Elizabeth Lockwood at Liberty, Susquehanna County, Pa., on June 20th, 1840.

Following are their children:

a.—Elizabeth Lockwood Wentz, born at Binghamton, N. Y., on July 20th, 1841; died at Binghamton on November 9th, 1842.

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b.—Sarah Delisle Wentz, born at Binghamton on October 19th, 1843. Died at Binghamton on October 19th, 1852.

c.—Erasmus Livingston Wentz, Jr., born at Binghamton in December, 1845; was killed by being run over by a train of cars at Norfolk, Va., in 1863.

d.—Frederick Hubbard Wentz, born at Binghamton on February 18th, 1848. Married Mattie Chase at Binghamton in 1868. No children.

Elizabeth L. Wentz, Mother of this family, died at St. Louis, Mo., on September 20th, 1879.

Erasmus Livingston Wentz, head of this family, married his second wife, Heppie S. Pettee, at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 4th, 1880.

He began the profession of Civil Engineering when only sixteen years of age (1834), and was engaged upon the Erie Railroad for three years. In June, 1837, he secured the position at Saginaw City, Michigan, of Principal Assistant Engineer on the Saginaw and Grand River Canal (a State work), and remained there until December, 1839, when he was again engaged by the Erie road. In 1853 he was offered the position of Chief Engineer and Superintendent of the Lawrenceburg and Upper Mississippi Railroad (now the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette road), and remained with this Company until the road was completed to Indianapolis.

On July 3d, 1853, he was engaged at St. Louis, Mo., as Principal Assistant Engineer on the North Missouri Railroad (one of the stations on this road is named after this member of our family: Wentzville, St. Charles County, Mo.)

On July 7th, 1857, he signed a contract to build the Railroad from East St. Louis to Alton, Ill., 23 miles, was bound in contract to complete it ready for trains in 85 days, and *did* complete it in 65 days.

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He afterward built 123 miles of the Texas and New Orleans Road, when the war put a stop to the work. He then went to Washington, D. C., and was engaged on the United States Military Railroads as Chief Engineer and General Superintendent, and remained in the Government service until the close of the war. In 1867 and 1868 he located 100 miles of the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, when he was forced to retire from active work for one year on account of sickness. He then built 18 miles of Railroad in Southern Indiana, and in April, 1870, was engaged at St. Louis as Superintendent of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, and served three years in this position, when sickness again compelled him to resign. In May, 1875, he was engaged as Resident Engineer at St. Louis by the Missouri Pacific Railroad. The road was then 330 miles long. It has since been extended, until now with its Branches it has a length of 2,359 miles, all of which was under the supervision of the subject of this sketch, until sickness for the third time caused his retirement on June 15th, 1883.

Residence, St. Louis, Mo.

WILLIAM WIRT WENTZ, second son of William Wentz, was born at Binghamton on April 4th, 1833. Married Emeline Howell at Greensburg, Indiana, on August 15th, 1854.

Following are their children:

a.—William Wirt Wentz, Jr., born at Greensburg, Indiana, on September 28th, 1856.

b.—Emma Landis Wentz, born at Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 28th, 1863; died at Indianapolis on May 23d, 1865.

c.—Estella Kate Wentz, born at Indianapolis on April 8th, 1866.

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WILLIAM WIRT WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Lafayette, Ind. He is Roadmaster for the Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company.

WILLIAM WIRT WENTZ, Jr., married Jean Wright at Port Huron, Michigan, on August 10th, 1881. Residence, Lafayette, Ind. He is Private Secretary to the General Manager of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company.

CHARLES HENRY WENTZ, third son of William Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on July 10th, 1839. Married Julia Jones at Evansville, Ind., on January 1st, 1863.

Following are their children:

a.—Julian Hubbell Wentz, born at Evansville on October 4th, 1863. Died February 4th, 1864.

b.—Beulah Rose Wentz, born at Evansville on January 4th, 1865.

c.—Mary Adelaide Wentz, born at Moberly, Missouri, on June 9th, 1872. Died July 4th, 1873.

CHARLES HENRY WENTZ, head of this family, died at Bartow, Florida, on December 13th, 1883. He was a Civil Engineer and Surveyor.

JULIAN AUGUSTUS WENTZ, fourth son of William Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on January 22d, 1842. Married Mary Gillaspy at Ottumwa, Iowa, on February 23d, 1869.

Following are their children:

a.—Hebe Nellie Wentz, born at Ottumwa on February 20th, 1870. Died November 23d, 1870.

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b.—Adelaide Price Wentz, born at Ottumwa on January 6th, 1872.

c.—Emma Gratia Wentz, born at Riverside, Fairfield County, Connecticut, on November 30th, 1879.

JULIAN AUGUSTUS WENTZ, head of this family, is the Freight Agent for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad at Kansas City, Missouri.

FRANCIS EDWIN WENTZ, sixth son of William Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on May 29th, 1851. Married Anna R. Doxsee, at Eldon, Iowa, on December 24th, 1877.

Following are the children:

a.—Willing Julian Wentz, born at Eldon, Iowa, on September 12th, 1878. Died September 16th, 1878.

b.—Helena Beatrice Wentz, born at Eldon, Iowa, on August 9th, 1881.

c.—Gracia Gertrude Wentz, born at Kansas City, Mo., September 27th, 1883.

FRANCIS EDWIN WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Kansas City, Mo., and is agent at this place for the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad Company.

RICHARD WILLING WENTZ, seventh son of William Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on July 21st, 1853. Married Jeannette Blackwell Engs, at Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 11th, 1878. Have had one child.

a.—Richard Lyndon Wentz, born at Brooklyn, on April 18, 1879. Died October 19th, 1879.

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RICHARD WILLING WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Brooklyn, N. Y. Occupation, bookkeeper.

JUSTUS WENTZ, third son of John Peter Wentz, was born in the Town of Chenango, Broome County, N. Y., on April 1st, 1796. Married Rhoda Butler, in the Town of Chenango, on October 7th, 1816.

Following are their children:

a.—Charles Wesley Wentz, born in the Town of Chenango, on October 7th, 1817. See Page 46.

b.—Justus Wentz, Jr., born at Binghamton, on October 27th, 1819. See Page 47.

c.—Catharine Stuart Wentz, born at Binghamton, on January 17th, 1822. Residence, Horseheads, N. Y.

d.—Hiram Gilbert Wentz, born at Binghamton, on December 16th, 1824. See Page 49.

e.—William Solon Wentz, born at Binghamton, on January 28th, 1826. See Page 49.

f.—Rhoda Ann Wentz, born at Binghamton, on May 10th, 1828. Was married to Sherman Walker, at Binghamton, on October 2d, 1852. Residence, Horseheads, N. Y.

g.—Cornelia Wentz, born at Binghamton, on June 30th, 1830. Was married to Wilber F. Wentz, at Owego, N. Y., on April 3d, 1855. Residence, Elmira, N. Y.

h.—Julia Wentz, born at Binghamton on February 28th, 1832; was married to Jared Purple at Binghamton on February 28th, 1853. Residence, Elmira, N. Y.

i.—Brazilla Marvin Wentz, born at Binghamton on January 21st, 1834. See Page 51.

j.—Merritt Franklin Wentz, born at Binghamton on April 30th, 1836. Died at Binghamton on April 5th, 1837.

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k.—Hester Sluyter Wentz, born at Binghamton on January 9th, 1838; was married to Jasper L. Purple at Havana, N. Y., on May 30th, 1866. Residence, Owego, N. Y.

l.—Jennett Kestland Wentz, born at Binghamton on November 9th, 1840; was married to Wallace Cranmer at Moreland, Schuyler Co., N. Y., on December 2d, 1868. Residence, Owego, N. Y.

Rhoda Butler Wentz, Mother of this family, died at Union, Broome County, N. Y., on March 1st, 1871, aged 70 years and ten months.

JUSTUS WENTZ, head of this family, died at Union, Broome County, N. Y., on October 5th, 1873. Most of his long and useful life was spent in the vicinity of Binghamton, in which place he held various public offices which he filled with marked integrity.

It was his privilege as well as his wife's to live beyond the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. On October 7th, 1866, they celebrated their Golden Wedding at Havana, N. Y. (where they were then living), and received the congratulations of many relatives and friends. This is the only Golden Wedding in the history of the family. Justus Wentz had qualities which reached the human heart, and secured for their possessor many warm and enduring friendships. In his family relations he was loyal and affectionate. He was a staunch friend and a pleasant companion.

CHARLES WESLEY WENTZ, oldest son of Justus Wentz, was born in the Town of Chenango, Broome County, N. Y., on October 7th, 1817. Married Millicent S. Tuttle, at Albany, N. Y., on November 8th, 1847. They have had one son, viz:

a.—Frank Wentz, born at Elmira, N. Y., on August 13th, 1848. Died at Albany on January 10th, 1864.

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CHARLES WESLEY WENTZ has for fourteen years been Chief Engineer of the Northern Railroad Department of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, consisting of the Albany and Susquehanna, the Rensselaer and Saratoga, and the New York and Canada Railroads.

Previously from 1857 he was Chief Engineer of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad, running from Albany to Binghamton, and it was under his supervision that this road was constructed. Residence, Albany, N. Y.

JUSTUS WENTZ, second son of Justus Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on October 27th, 1819. Married Emaline Jones, at Binghamton, on April 5th, 1841.

Following are their children:

a.—Ephraim Jones Wentz, born in the Town of Chenango, Broome County, N. Y., on March 27th, 1844. See Page 48.

b.—Kate Stewart Wentz, born in the Town of Chenango, on September 27th, 1846. Was married to Henry Sayre, in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County, N. Y., on November 26th, 1866. Residence, Watkins, N. Y.

c.—Charles Zachariah Wentz, born at Portland, Chautauqua County, N. Y., on June 11th, 1847. Died on May 27th, 1849.

d.—John Wentz, born at Portland on September 26th, 1850. See Page 49.

e.—Justus Wentz 3d, born at Portland on February 14th, 1852. Died October 4th, 1853.

f.—Rhoda Wentz, born at Portland on July 9th, 1854; was married to Charles Berry at Watkins, Schuyler County, N. Y., on September 7th, 1871. Residence, Watkins, N. Y.

g.—Hiram Wentz, born at Toledo, Ohio, on April 19th, 1856. Died at Toledo on December 22d, 1856.

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h.—Emaline Wentz, born at Bryan, Williams Connty, Ohio, on August 28th, 1858; was married to Porter Ward, at Watkins, N. Y., on November 26th, 1876. Residence, Watkins, N. Y.

i.—Nellie Carolyn Wentz, born at Bryan on August 5th, 1860; was married to Frank Carson at Orleans, Seneca County, N. Y., on October 21st, 1878. Residence, Sodus Point, Wayne County, N. Y.

j.—Frank Hamilton Wentz, born at Bryan, Ohio, on April 9th, 1864.

k.—Edgar Chapin Wentz, born at Dix, Schuyler County, N. Y., on June 2d, 1868.

JUSTUS WENTZ, 2d, head of this family, resides at Watkins, Schuyler County, N. Y.

EPHRAIM JONES WENTZ, oldest son of Justus Wentz, 2d, was born in the Town of Chenango, Broome County, N. Y., on March 27th, 1844. Married Harriet Ogden at Havana, Schuyler County, N. Y., on December 19th, 1867.

Following are their children:

a.—Charles Deforest Wentz, born at Havana, N. Y., on December 21st, 1868.

b.—Brazilla Justus Wentz, born at Watkins on February 23d, 1871.

c.—Georgia Wentz, born at Watkins on August 28th, 1873. Died at Watkins on October 2d, 1873.

d.—Grace Culver Wentz, born at Mecklenberg, Schuyler County, N. Y., on April 12th, 1875.

e.—Georgia Wentz, born at Union Springs, Cayuga County, N. Y., on February 10th, 1880. Died at Union Springs on July 17th, 1881.

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EPHRAIM JONES WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Little Falls, Herkimer County, N. Y. Occupation, Iron Moulder.

JOHN WENTZ, third son of Justus Wentz 2d, was born at Portland, Chautauqua County, N. Y., on September 26th, 1850. Married Mary Smith at Havana, N. Y., on April 15th, 1871. Have one child.

a.—Bessie May Wentz, born at South Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, on January 12th, 1876.

JOHN WENTZ, head of this family, is a resident of Seneca Falls, N. Y. Occupation, Iron Moulder.

HIRAM GILBERT WENTZ, third son of Justus Wentz 1st, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on December 16th, 1824. Married Electa K. Beatties at Waymart, Wayne County, Pa., on December 6th, 1848.

Following are their children:

a.—Louise Electa Wentz, born at Carbondale, Luzerne County, Pa., on December 4th, 1849; was married to William Henry Lee at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on June 19th, 1878. Residence, Honesdale, Pa.

b.—James George Wentz, born at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., on May 19th, 1862. Residence, Wilkes-Barre.

HIRAM GILBERT WENTZ, head of this family, is a Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Meats. Residence, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

WILLIAM SOLON WENTZ, fourth son of Justus Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on January 28th, 1826. Married Sarah Louise Smith at Binghamton on October 15th, 1846.

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Following are their children:

a.—Jessie Louise Wentz, born at Carbondale, Pa., on June 16th, 1850; was married to George L. Thompson, at Canandaigua, N. Y., on August 3d, 1874. Residence, Rochester, N. Y.

b.—Willie Cornelia Wentz, born at Binghamton, N. Y., on June 17th, 1852. Died at Binghamton on August 2 ıth, 1853.

c.—Charles Wentz, born at Macon City, Mo., on July 21st, 1860. Died at Hannibal, Mo., on April 8th, 1861.

d.—Harry William Wentz, born at Brookfield, Mo , on May 11th, 1867. Resides with his Mother at Susquehanna, Pa.

William Solon Wentz, head of this family, died at Owego, N. Y., on April 20th, 1881.

He was engaged for several years in different capacities in the Railway service. In 1856 he was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and joined the Missouri Conference. During the first years of his ministry the country was engaged in the discussion of the slavery question, and when the secession of Missouri was being agitated and excitement was at a white heat, he draped his pulpit with the American Flag, and stood up heroically for the Union, even at the imminent peril of his own life. During the war he was at one time Chaplain of one of the Missouri regiments, and subsequently he was sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, as Presiding Elder.

His known loyalty and his outspoken Union sentiments made him a target for the conspiracies of rebel sympathizers, and his life was threatened repeatedly.

At one time five Union men were hanged in his front door-yard and his wife notified by the murderers that

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they were in search of him. Fortunately he escaped all these dangers. At the time of his death he was Pastor of the M. E. Church at Susquehanna, Pa., to which place he had been returned for the third time by the Wyoming Conference, which had been in session just previous to his death. He had stopped at Owego, N. Y., to make a visit, at which place he was taken sick. The day before his death, being conscious that his end was near, he said: "The Bishop sent me back to Susquehanna, but the order has been changed—my work is done; the Master has nothing further for me to do."

BRAZILLA MARVIN WENTZ, fifth son of Justus Wentz, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on January 21st, 1834. Married Maranda Perry at Moreland, Schuyler County, N. Y., on March 28th, 1859. Had one child.

a.—William Frank Wentz, born in the town of Dix, Schuyler County, N. Y., on February 19th, 1860.

Maranda Perry Wentz died at Townsend, Schuyler County, N. Y., on July 16th, 1860.

BRAZILLA WENTZ married his second wife, Louise M. Reese, at Corning, N. Y., on March 1st, 1861. One daughter was the result of this union, viz.:

a.—Lucy M. Wentz, born at Albany, N. Y., on February 4th, 1864. Married Dr. Dorse Warren Brown at Fall Brook, Tioga County, Pa., on April 17th, 1883. Residence, Mansfield, Tioga County, Pa.

BRAZILLA WENTZ was killed at Great Bend, Pa., while in the employ of the Erie Railroad, by being struck by a locomotive, on November 27th, 1866.

PETER WENTZ, fourth son of John Peter Wentz, was

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born in the town of Chenango (now Kirkwood), Broome County, N. Y., on May 8th, 1798. Married Mercy Green in the town of Chenango on March 11th, 1819.

Following are their children:

a.—Mercy Pamela Wentz, born at Binghamton, N. Y., on April 7th, 1820; was married to A. J. Johnson at Binghamton on April 13th, 1841. Died at Binghamton on June 28th, 1842.

b.—Margaret Elizabeth Wentz, born at Binghamton on February 13th, 1822; was married to William Hanlon at Binghamton on September 7th, 1843. Died at Binghamton on March 10th, 1880.

c.—Mary Roberts Wentz, born at Binghamton on August 29th, 1823; was married to Rev. Addison Harding at Page Brook, Chenango County, N. Y., on January 1st, 1842. Died at Harpersville, Broome County, N. Y., on August 22d, 1879.

d.—Samantha Jane Wentz, born at Binghamton on May 31st, 1827; was married to Daniel Smith at Binghamton on December 9th, 1851. Residence, Binghamton.

See Page 54. *e.*—John Emory Wentz, born at Caanan Corners, Wayne County, Pa., on April 1st, 1829.

See Page 55. *f.*—Peter Mastin Wentz, born at Caanan Corners on July 3d, 1831.

See Page 56. *g.*—Wilber Fisk Wentz, born at Waymart, Wayne County, Pa., on December 9th, 1833.

h.—Zenas Allen Wentz, born at Honesdale, Pa., on October 31st, 1836. Died at Binghamton, N. Y., on November 6th, 1840.

Mercy Green Wentz, Mother of this family, died at Binghamton, N. Y., on May 23d, 1842.

PETER WENTZ married his second wife, Phœbe Treadwell, at Waverly, N. Y., on June 22d, 1845.

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Following are their children :

a.—Eliza Catherine Wentz, born at Waverly, N. Y., on April 27th, 1846 ; was married to John B. Hartwell at Barfelden, Tioga County, Pa., on April 2d, 1871. Residence, English Centre, Pa.

b.—Augusta Wentz, born at Waverly, N. Y., on October 30th, 1847; was married to Obediah Hemstreet at Waverly on February 5th, 1868. Residence, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

e.—Helen Wentz, born at Waverly on September 20th, 1849 ; was married to William Smith at Waverly on August 13th, 1867. Residence, Barfelden, Tioga County, Pa.

PETER WENTZ, head of this family, died at Barfelden, Tioga County, Pa., on March 12th, 1882.

Through the efforts of his son, Wilber F. Wentz, who drew up a petition to the Postmaster-General, this town was created in 1872, and named Barfelden by Peter Wentz, who was made Postmaster.

The naming of this town was in honor of Beerfelden (our Ancestors birth-place) there being, however, a misunderstanding in the spelling of the name.

Peter Wentz, early in life, chose the ministry for a profession, and in those days clergymen of the Methodist Church were given circuits to travel. They would preach nearly every day, and sometimes twice or three times, and in this manner Peter Wentz travelled Broome, Bridgewater, and one or two other circuits, until his health failed, when he went into other pursuits, but never entirely relinquishing the ministry. In fact he preached after reaching the age of eighty years.

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He was for eight years Justice of the Peace in Pennsylvania and four years in New York State. Like all his brothers he was an out and out hater of Slavery, and was ever ready to work for its abolishment. It was said that just previous to the war of the Rebellion, during a political campaign, he attended a meeting in the town of Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, Pa., as a spectator.

The speaker of the evening, during his remarks. claimed that human slavery was of divine origin.

This remark thoroughly exasperated the subject of our sketch, and when the speaker had finished he arose, obtained permission to say a few words, and in righteous indignation refuted every argument the speaker had presented, handling his opponent without gloves, much to his chagrin, and to the satisfaction of a fair portion of the assembly. This act of his was indeed daring, as many persons have been ignominiously ejected from meetings, and roughly treated for interrupting proceedings for which they had no sympathy.

This instance, however, illustrates one characteristic of the family (which is perhaps more thoroughly imbued in the older members), that when an unrighteous principle is introduced, or when truth and justice are corrupted, it must and shall be renounced at once, no matter what the circumstances are.

Peter Wentz was ever continous and active in promoting the good works of the Methodist Church. He was a man whose hearty hospitality endeared him to all who had the happiness to enjoy it. He was genial in his manners, charitable, and full of humor. These qualities popularized him and won him a large circle of friends.

JOHN EMORY WENTZ, oldest son of Peter Wentz, was born at Caanan Corners, Wayne County, Pa., on April

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1st, 1829. Married Charlotte Burghardt at Upper Lisle, Broome County, N. Y., on October 19th, 1853.

Following are their children:

a.—Charlotte Burghardt Wentz, born at Upper Lisle on August 21st, 1854; was married to Dr. Robert T. Davidson at Binghamton, N. Y., on July 3d, 1877. Died at Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 25th, 1879.

b.—Mary Elizabeth Wentz, born at Upper Lisle on August 5th 1862.

c.—John Emory Wentz, Jr., born at Upper Lisle on June 7th, 1866. Died at Binghamton, N. Y., on September 8th, 1873.

JOHN EMORY WENTZ, head of this family is a Builder. Residence, Kylertown, Clearfield County, Pa.

PETER MASTIN WENTZ second son of Peter Wentz, was born at Canaan Corners, Wayne County, Pa., on July 3d, 1831. Married Minerva Boren at Provo City, Utah, on April 20th, 1864.

Following are their children:

a.—Peter Wells Wentz, born at Provo City on September 14th, 1865.

b.—Leo Livingston Wentz, born at Provo City on July 10th, 1867.

c.—Ray Vernon Wentz, born at Provo City on August 17th, 1869.

d.—Charles Homer Wentz, born at Provo City on October 28th, 1871.

e.—Maud Elizabeth Wentz, born at Provo City on October 8th, 1873.

f.—Lillian Luella Wentz, born at Provo City on July 5th, 1876. Died at Provo City on July 3d, 1879.

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g.—Thomas Frank Wentz, born at Provo City on December 11th, 1878.

The above family reside at Provo City, Utah. PETER M. WENTZ is a farmer.

WILBER FISK WENTZ, third son of Peter Wentz, was born at Waymart, Wayne County, Pa., on December 9th, 1833. Married Cornelia Wentz, daughter of Justus Wentz, at Owego, N. Y., on April 3d, 1855.

Following are their children:

a.—Cornelia Elizabeth Wentz, born at Hornellsville, N. Y., on January 8th, 1857.

b.—Carrie Wentz, born at Hornellsville on August 28th, 1859. Died December 3d, 1863.

c.—Charles Wesley Wentz, born at Hornellsville on August 27th, 1864.

d.—Addie Bell Wentz, born at Elmira, N. Y., on October 10th, 1869.

e.—Grace Lillian Wentz, born at Elmira on August 29th, 1871. Died January 30th, 1872.

WILBER FISK WENTZ, head of this family, was employed as Fireman on the Erie Railroad on May 8th, 1852, this being the first important venture of his life; was promoted to the position of Engineer September 1st, 1854, subsequently to Conductor and Engineer of Freight train, and on December 1st, 1863, as Conductor of Passenger train, which position he filled on both the Erie and Northern Central roads until May 22d, 1874.

He then went into Mercantile pursuits as a dealer in coal at Elmira, N. Y., in which business he has been very successful, and which he still attends to; besides, he is at the head of the firm of Wentz & Purple, General Railroad Contractors and Builders of Wood and Iron Bridges.

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His popularity was the means of his receiving the nomination for Alderman of one of the wards of Elmira, to which office he was elected in March, 1878, serving two years. Residence, Elmira, N. Y.

JACOB WENTZ, fifth son of John Peter Wentz, was born in the town of Chenango (now Kirkwood), Broome County, N. Y., on February 14th, 1802. Married Ann Santley at Owego, N. Y., on January 16th, 1825.

Following are their children:

a.—Horace Agard Wentz, born at Owego on January 7th, 1826. See Page 58.

b.—Sherman Jacob Wentz, born at Binghamton, N. Y., on January 22d, 1831. Died February 22d, 1832.

c.—Adeline Matilda Wentz, born in the town of Conklin, Broome County, N. Y., on October 12th, 1832; was married to William Albert Orser at Factoryville, Tioga County, N. Y., on May 14th, 1851. Residence, Redwing, Minn.

d.—Joseph Henry Wentz, born in the town of Vestal, Broome County, N. Y., on August 18th, 1837. See Page 59.

e.—John Frederick Wentz, born in the town of Candor, Tioga County, N. Y., on April 1st, 1842. See Page 59.

f.—Celestia Delaphine Wentz, born at Owego, N. Y., on February 20th, 1847. Died at Pipe Creek, Tioga County, N. Y., on June 10th, 1850.

JACOB WENTZ, head of this family, was a member of the Methodist Church for over forty years, also a preacher for nearly that length of time, besides following various other occupations.

In 1855 he left Owego, moving to Addison, Steuben County, N. Y., where he lived some five or six years. In

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the Autumn of 1862 he removed to Eau Galle, Dun County, Wisconsin, where a home was provided for him and his wife by their son, John Frederick, who at that time was serving his country as a soldier at a salary of thirteen dollars per month, out of which the home of his parents was paid for.

On or about the 24th day of July, 1869, while Jacob Wentz was leading one of his cattle by a rope, the animal became frightened and ran. The rope encircling Jacob's waist caused him to be dragged a considerable distance, and he was injured internally. He died July 30th, 1869. His wife, Ann Santley Wentz, died at Janesville, Wisconsin, on April 8th, 1878.

HORACE AGARD WENTZ, oldest son of Jacob Wentz, was born at Owego, Tioga County, N. Y., on January 7th, 1826. Married Martha J. Burke at Durand, Pipin County, Wisconsin, on February 3d, 1863.

Following are their children:

a.—Thales Frederick Wentz, born at Waubeck, Pipin County, Wisconsin, on June 18th, 1864.

b.—Horace Burke Wentz, born at Cedar Falls, Dun County, Wisconsin, on July 20th, 1869.

c.—Charles Jacob Wentz, born at Bloomer, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, on May 2d, 1872.

d.—William Albert Wentz, born at Eau Galle, Dun County, Wisconsin, on April 8th, 1878. Died December 1st, 1879.

HORACE AGARD WENTZ, head of this family, when eighteen years of age, left his home and went to Quincy, Illinois, where he studied four years in a Collegiate Institute. Then went to Cincinnati (1851), and worked his way through Lane Theological Seminary, graduating in

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1853. In that year he became a Missionary to the Cherokee, Creek and Choctaw Indians. In 1861, on the breaking out of the war, he was forced to leave his post so hastily that he lost his Library and other property worth nearly One Thousand Dollars. He is now a resident of Maple Springs, Dun County, Wisconsin.

JOSEPH HENRY WENTZ, third son of Jacob Wentz, was born in the town of Vestal, Broome County, N. Y., on August 18th, 1837. Married Martha A. Spooner at Bay City, Michigan, on July 28th, 1860.

Following are their children:

a.—Elmer Elliott Wentz, born at Bay City, Mich., on May 16th, 1861. See below.

b.—Celestia Delaphine Wentz, born at Bay City, Mich., on January 1st, 1863; was married to James Gray at Oscoda, Iosco County, Mich., on August 14th, 1881.

JOSEPH HENRY WENTZ, head of this family, resides in Oscoda, Iosco County, Michigan, where he is Chief Engineer and Superintendent of the Oscoda Salt and Lumber Mills.

ELMER ELLIOTT WENTZ, son of Joseph Henry Wentz, married Amelia Bettz at Oscoda, Mich., on December 14th, 1881.

JOHN FREDERICK WENTZ, fourth son of Jacob Wentz, was born in Candor, Tioga County, N. Y., on April 1st, 1842. Married Emily Post at Wacouta, Goodhue County, Minnesota, on December 25th, 1872.

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Following are their children:

a.—Edith Nina Wentz, born at Wacouta on December 10th, 1874.

b.—Anna Post Wentz, born at Wacouta on May 5th, 1878.

c.—Ella May Wentz, born at Frontenac, Goodhue County, Minnesota, on November 8th, 1879.

d.—Mabel Rhoda Wentz, born at Frontenac on August 12th, 1881. Died at Wacouta on May 30th, 1883.

e.—Noel Wentz, born at Wacouta on April 20th, 1883.

JOHN FREDERICK WENTZ, head of this family, is a Justice of the Peace at Frontenac, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

GEORGE HARRISON WENTZ, seventh son of John Peter Wentz, was born in the town of Chenango (now Conklin), Broome County, N. Y., on February 11th, 1814. Married Julia Ann Stanton at Waymart, Wayne County, Pa., on October 9th, 1833.

Following are their children:

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a.—Edwin Julius Wentz, born at Waymart, Wayne County, Pa., on January 25th, 1835.

b.—John Crandall Wentz, born at Battle Creek, Mich., on June 30th, 1837. Died at Battle Creek on September 27th, 1838.

c.—Charles Wesley Wentz, born at Waymart, Pa., on July 26th, 1842; was drowned in the Ohio River, near Shawneetown, Ill., on July 17th, 1858.

d.—Ann Elizabeth Wentz, born at Carbondale, Pa., on January 24th, 1844; was married to Eli W. Greene at Carbondale on May 15th, 1861. Died at Shawneetown, Illinois, on August 11th, 1861.

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GEORGE HARRISON WENTZ married his second wife, Anna E. Wilson at Iowa City, Iowa, on July 16th, 1857. One child was the result of this marriage, viz.:

Anna Eliza Wentz, born at Iowa City on April 19th, 1858.

Anna Wilson Wentz died at Iowa City on May 20th, 1858.

GEORGE HARRISON WENTZ married his third wife, Amanda Keesee, near Iowa City on September 16th, 1860. Residence, Clarke Farm, Dakota.

EDWIN JULIUS WENTZ, oldest son of George Harrison Wentz, was born at Waymart, Wayne County, Pa., on January 25th, 1835. Married Deborah A. Murdy at Glasford, Ill., on———

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DESCENDANTS OF

JACOB WENTZ,

SECOND SON OF

JOHANN JOST WENTZ.

JACOB WENTZ, second son of Johann Jost Wentz, was born in Upper Milford township, Northampton County (now Lehigh County), Pa., on August 21st, 1777. Married Catherine Leibenguth in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on May 6th, 1800. One male child was the result of this marriage, which died with its Mother at its birth in December, 1800.

Jacob Wentz married his second wife, Magdeline Kieffer, in Lehigh township, on April 12th, 1801.

Following are their children:

a.—Catherine Wentz, born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on June 16th, 1802; was married to Jonas Leibenguth in Lehigh township on October 6th, 1822. Died at Cedarville, Stevenson County, Ill., on September 1st, 1875.

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b.—Jacob Wentz, born in Lehigh township on December 29th, 1803. See Page 64.

c.—John Wentz, born in Lehigh township on September 24th, 1805. See Page 70.

d.—Sarah Wentz, born in Lehigh township on October 23d, 1807; was married to Joseph Lessly in 1827 in the township of Lehigh. Died in the town of Nesquehoning, Carbon County, Pa., on April 17th, 1876.

e.—Elizabeth Wentz, born in Lehigh township on November 4th, 1809; was married to John Young in Lehigh township in 1825. Died at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., on August 11th, 1861.

f.—Joseph Wentz, born in Lehigh township on November 24th, 1811. Died in 1812.

g.—Polly Wentz, born in Lehigh township on January 2d, 1813; was married to Jacob Easterday in Lehigh township 1831. Died in Lehigh township on October 11th, 1835.

h.—Rebecca Wentz, born in Lehigh township on April 28th, 1815; was married to Joseph Young in Lehigh township on February 2d, 1834. Residence, Allentown, Pa.

i.—Joel Wentz, born in Lehigh township on December 5th, 1817. Died in 1827.

j.—Lydia Wentz, born in Lehigh township on December 17th, 1819; was married to Reuben Liebenguth in Lehigh township on April 9th, 1839. Died in Lehigh township on August 22d, 1877.

k.—Levi Wentz, born in Lehigh township on January 12th, 1824. See Page 71.

l.—Monroe Wentz, born in Lehigh township on April 22d, 1826. Died in 1828.

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Magdeline Kieffer Wentz, Mother of this family, died in Lehigh township on March 2d, 1852.

JACOB WENTZ, head of this family, married his third wife, Susan Heil, near Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., on November 29th, 1857, he being then eighty years of age. His occupation was by trade a Cooper, which he followed during his younger years, but the most of his time was given to farming. In 1834 he moved to Kuntzford, and took charge of three locks on the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's Canal, and opened a Grocery, Feed and Provision Store for the accommodation of boatmen, etc.

The effects of the panic of 1837 compelled him to sell his farm to pay his debts, but six years after the panic he had made enough money to buy another farm, and he was quite successful thereafter.

His death occurred near Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., on January 15th, 1868. His age was 90 years, 4 months, and 24 days.

Susan Heil Wentz died near Cherryville on August 9th, 1881.

JACOB WENTZ, oldest son of Jacob Wentz 1st, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, on December 29th, 1803. Married Catherine Berlin at Berlinsville, Northampton County, on November 14th, 1824.

Following are their children:

a.—William Wentz, born in Lehigh township on July 17th, 1825. Died in 1828.

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b.—Charles Wentz, born in Lehigh township on October 1st, 1826.

c.—Juliann Wentz, born in Lehigh township on December 26th, 1827. Died in June, 1828.

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d.—Thomas Wentz, born in Lehigh township on January 17th, 1829. Died in July, 1838.

e.—Catherine Wentz, born in Lehigh township on July 26th, 1830; was married to Soloman Hangen at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., on March 7th, 1857. Residence, Cherryville, Pa.

f.—Joel Wentz, born in Lehigh township on March 28th, 1832. See Page 67.

g.—Anna Maria Wentz, born in Lehigh township on February 9th, 1834. Died in August, 1835.

h.—Moses Wentz, born in Lehigh township on February 28th, 1835. Died in August, 1835.

i.—Reuben Wentz, born in Lehigh township on August 15th, 1836. Died in 1839.

j.—Isaac Wentz, born in Lehigh township on August 22d, 1838. See Page 68.

k.—Sarah Ann Wentz, born in Lehigh township on February 14th, 1840; was married to David Evans at Parryville, Carbon County, Pa., on Octobor 15th, 1861. Residence, Slatington, Lehigh County, Pa.

l.—Elizabeth Wentz, born in Lehigh township on September 11th, 1841; was married to Harrison Evans at Berlinsville, Northampton County, Pa., on August 16th, 1859. Residence, Berlinsville.

m.—Jacob Wentz, born in Lehigh township on January 6th, 1844. See Page 68.

n.—Magdeline Wentz, born in Lehigh township on December 26th, 1846; was married to Solomon B. Bryfogle at Slatington, Lehigh County, Pa., on August 29th, 1872. Residence, Weissport, Pa.

o.—David Wentz, born in Lehigh township on December 30th, 1849. See Page 69.

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Catherine Berlin Wentz, Mother of this family, died in Lehigh township on May 2d, 1853.

JACOB WENTZ, 2d, married his second wife, Lucy Ann Easterday, in Lehigh township on May 9th, 1857.

Following are their children :

See Page 70. *a.*—Robert Wentz, born in Lehigh township on July 19th, 1858.

b.—John Wentz, born in Lehigh township on September 14th, 1859.

c.—Levi Wentz, born in Lehigh township on December 28th, 1860.

d.—Rebecca Wentz, born in Lehigh township on December 28th, 1860. Died at Cherryville in 1861; aged 7 months.

See Page 70. *e.*—Henry Wentz, born in Lehigh township on January 21st, 1862.

f.—George Wentz, born at Lehigh township on July 25th, 1864.

g.—Anna Wentz, born in Lehigh township on August 23d, 1865.

JACOB WENTZ 2d, head of this family, died at his Father's old homestead, about one mile from Cherryville, toward Berlinville, on April 1st, 1881. His principal occupation was farming.

The above family, as will be seen, is the largest of this record.

Lucy Ann Wentz, widow of Jacob Wentz 2d, resides at Cherryville, Pa.

CHARLES WENTZ, second son of Jacob Wentz 2d, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on

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October 1st, 1826. Married Susannah Kelchner in Lower Towamensing township, Carbon County, Pa., on July 11th, 1847. Have one son, viz.:

a.—James Wentz, born in Lower Towamensing township on September 15th, 1848. Married Mary Smith in same township on June 6th, 1874. They have one son, viz.:

a.—Charles Wentz, born in Lower Towamensing township on November 26th, 1881.

The above families reside in Lower Towamensing township, Carbon County, Pa.

CHARLES WENTZ 1st is a Wheelright.

JOEL WENTZ, fourth son of Jacob Wentz 2d, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on March 28th, 1832. Married Rebecca Snyder at Weissport, Carbon County, Pa., on December 8th, 1860.

Following are their children:

a.—Catherine Elizabeth Wentz, born at Weissport on November 11th, 1861.

b.—William Henry Wentz, born at Weissport on August 8th, 1863.

c.—Westley Albright Wentz, born at Weissport on March 4th, 1865.

d.—George Albert Wentz, born at Weissport on April 13th, 1867.

e.—Edward Lewis Wentz, born at Weissport on January 14th, 1869.

f.—Ellen Rebecca Wentz, born at Weissport on December 14th, 1870.

g.—Samuel Amandus Wentz, born at Weissport on April 22d, 1873.

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h.—John Wentz, born at Weissport on October 15th, 1876.

i.—Allart Wentz, born at Weissport on April 13th, 1878.

j.—Amma Jane Wentz, born at Weissport on August 7th, 1880.

This family are all living, and reside at Weissport, Carbon County, Pa. Joel Wentz is a Wheelright.

ISAAC WENTZ, seventh son of Jacob Wentz 2d, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on August 22d, 1838. Married Sarah Hefflefinger in Lehigh township on August 2d, 1862.

Following are their children:

a.—William Henry Wentz, born in Lehigh township on May 28th, 1863.

b.—Ellen Jane Wentz, born in Lehigh township on February 17th, 1865.

c.—Benjamin Franklin Wentz, born in Lehigh township on February 9th, 1868.

d.—Emma Louisa Wentz, born in Lehigh township on July 23d, 1870.

e.—John Alpheus Wentz, born in Lehigh township on November 17th, 1872.

f.—Charles Oliver Wentz, born in Lehigh township on October 8th, 1878.

ISAAC WENTZ, head of this family, is engaged in the Slate business. Residence, Berlinsville, Northampton County, Pa.

JACOB WENTZ, 3d, eighth son of Jacob Wentz, 2d, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on

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January 6th, 1844. Married Fianna Hall at Catasauqua, Lehigh County, Pa., on November 11th, 1865.

Following are their children :

a.—Elmer Ellsworth Wentz, born at Weissport, Carbon County, Pa., on February 17th, 1867.

b.—Bella Jane Wentz, born at Weissport on June 8th, 1870.

c.—Willamena Louisa Wentz, born at Weissport on July 12th, 1872.

d.—Charles Reuben Wentz, born at Weissport on February 7th, 1875.

e.—Lilly Kate Wentz, born at Weissport on July 8th, 1877.

f.—Harry Jacob Wentz, born at Weissport on April 18th, 1882.

JACOB WENTZ, 3d, head of this family, is a Saddler. Residence, Weissport, Carbon County, Pa.

DAVID WENTZ, ninth son of Jacob Wentz, 2d, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on December 30th, 1849. Married Anna M. Hess at Dakota, Stevenson County, Ill,, March 21st, 1871.

Following are their children :

a.—Elvin Franklin Wentz, born at Dakota, Ill., on October, 28th, 1872.

b,—Newton William Wentz, born at Lincoln, Montgomery County, Iowa, on March 7th, 1876.

DAVID WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Oakland, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. Occupation, Farmer.

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ROBERT WENTZ, tenth son of Jacob Wentz, 2d, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on July 19th, 1858. Married Alice M. Farber in Lehigh township on July 19th, 1877.

Following are their children:

a.—Bertie Wentz, born in Lehigh township on March 6th, 1878.

b.—Annie Wentz, born in Lehigh township on July 21st, 1879.

c.—Jere Lester Wentz, born in Lehigh township on September 28th, 1880.

ROBERT WENTZ. head of this family, is a dealer in Sewing Machines and Organs. Residence, Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa.

HENRY WENTZ, thirteenth son of Jacob Wentz, 2d, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on January 21st, 1862. Married Alice Roth at Danielsville, Northampton County, Pa., on September, 1st, 1881.

Have one child, viz.:

a.—Herbert Homer Wentz, born at Danielsville on February 13th, 1882.

HENRY WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Kreidersville, Northampton County, Pa.

JOHN WENTZ, second son of Jacob Wentz, 1st, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on September 24th, 1805. Married Catherine Raber in Heidelberg township, Lehigh County, Pa., on June 18th, 1826.

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Following are their children :

a.—Elizabeth Wentz, born in Lehigh township in June, 1827, Died the same year.

b.—Julia Ann Wentz, born in Lehigh township on October 7th, 1828; was married to Benjamin F. Heimbach at Weissport, Carbon County, Pa., on June 11th, 1846. Residence, Allentown, Pa.

c.—Sarah Ann Wentz, born in Lehigh township on April 4th, 1831 ; was married to Evan Gaumer at Berlinsville, Northampton County, Pa., on November 5th, 1850. Residence, Parryville, Carbon County, Pa.

JOHN WENTZ, head of this family, died at Berlinsville, Northampton County, Pa., on September 21st, 1862. His wife, Catherine Raber Wentz, died at Allentown, Pa., on August 8th, 1881.

LEVI WENTZ, fifth son of Jacob Wentz, 1st, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on January 12th, 1824. Married Sarah M. Bowman at Millport, Carbon County, Pa., on January 1st, 1850.

Following are their children :

a.—Wesley Albright Wentz, born at Weissport, Carbon County, Pa., on January 12th, 1852. Died August 29th, 1852.

b.—Harriet Elizabeth Wentz, born at Weissport on January 23d, 1853. Died December 9th, 1856.

c.—Ellen Louise Wentz, born at Weissport on February 28th, 1854. Died October 10th, 1854.

d.—James Madison Wentz, born at Weissport on November 1st, 1855. Died November 24th, 1856.

e.—Edwin Jacob Wentz, born at Weissport on December 14th, 1856. Died August 22d, 1858.

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f.—Emma Cevilla Wentz, born at Millport, Carbon County, Pa., on January 2d, 1858. Died September 22d, 1860.

g.—Anna Maria Sarah Wentz, born at Millport on March 24th, 1859; was married to Franklin Ash at Millport on January 13th, 1877. Residence, Aquachicola, Carbon County, Pa.

h.—Adam Clark Wentz, born at Millport on November 5th, 1860. Died July 7th, 1861.

i.—Jennette Estella Wentz, born at Millport on December 26th, 1861; was married to Alison W. Kistler at Millport on May 29th, 1883. Residence, East Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pa.

j.—Thomas Levi Wentz, born at Millport on May 14th, 1863.

k.—Charles Wentz, born at Millport on February 11th, 1865. Died February 13th, 1865.

l.—Lilly Jane Wentz, born at Millport on May 19th, 1866. Died October 3d, 1867.

m.—William Henry Wentz, born at Millport on May 19th, 1866. Died September 6th, 1866.

n.—Mary Magdeline Wentz, born at Millport on March 2d, 1870.

Levi Wentz, head of this family, has always resided in Northampton and Carbon Counties, Pa. He was in the Mercantile business at Weissport, from 1851 to July, 1857, when he sold out and moved to Millport; here in the Spring of 1862 he bought the general store of Joseph Young, and continued in this business up to 1874. In 1872 he was appointed Associate Judge by Governor Geary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of

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Hon. John Leisengring. He was again nominated for that office, and at the election following received a large majority, and served his full term, four years. His principal occupation now is farming. He is also President of a Fire Insurance Company, besides being interested in Slate Quarries. Residence, Millport, Carbon County, Pa.

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DESCENDANTS OF

JOHN GEORGE WENTZ,

THIRD SON OF

JOHANN JOST WENTZ.

JOHN GEORGE WENTZ, third son of Johann Jost Wentz, was born in Upper Milford township, Northampton County (now Lehigh County), Pa., on April 11th, 1778. Married Salome Andreas in Heidelberg township, Northamton Co. (now Lehigh County), Pa., in the month of November, 1800.

Following are their children:

a.—John Wentz, born in Heidelberg township, in 1801. Died at the age of 4 days.

b.—Sally Wentz, born in Heidelberg township on February 7th, 1802; was married to William Andreas in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., in 1821. Died at Berlinsville on June 11th, 1880.

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c.—William Wentz, born in Heidelberg township on August 17th, 1802. Died at Berlinsville on March 31st, 1812.

d.—Elizabeth Wentz, born in Heidelberg township on November 11th, 1803; was married to Charles Gotlieb Bower at Berlinsville on March 31st, 1823. Residence, Lehighton, Carbon County, Pa.

e.—Daniel Wentz, born at Berlinsville on August 12th, 1806. See Below.

f.—Catherine Wentz, born at Berlinsville on June 29th, 1814; was married to George Horn at Berlinsville on March 8th, 1837. Died at Allentown, Pa., on May 16th, 1883.

g.—Mary Ann Wentz, born at Berlinsville on December 14th, 1817; was married to Lewis Weiss at Kreidersville, Northampton County, Pa., on January 2d, 1835. Died at Weissport, Carbon County, Pa., on January 19th, 1855.

John George Wentz, head of this family, died at Weissport on January 8th, 1846. His wife, Salome Andreas Wentz, died at Weissport on September 7th, 1858.

Daniel Wentz, third son of John George Wentz, was born in Berlinsville, Northampton County, Pa., on August 12th, 1806. Married Rebecca Dreisbach in Towamensing township, Carbon County, Pa., on March 16th, 1828.

Following are their children:

a.—Harrison Wentz, born in Towamensing township on May 6th, 1829. See Page 76.

b.—Dennis Wentz, born in Towamensing township on June 2d, 1832. See Page 77.

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c.—Simon Wentz, born in Towamensing township on March 11th, 1836. Died in Franklin township, Carbon County, Pa.. on March 20th, 1866.

Rebecca Dreisbach Wentz, Mother of this family, died at Parryville, Carbon County, Pa., on August 5th, 1877.

DANIEL WENTZ, head of this family, during his youth had very few advantages. He was compelled at an early age to do farm work, and what education he did acquire was obtained principally during middle life. He, however, became one of the most popular men of Carbon County Pa. He was for years Justice of the Peace near Parryville. His knowledge of the law was derived late in life, but his decisions on law points were always given correctly and expeditiously. His mind was unusually bright, active and retentive, and if it had received proper schooling, his name would certainly have been widespread.

He died at Parryville, Carbon County, Pa., on February 2d, 1882. His last words were, "All is well."

HARRISON WENTZ, oldest son of Daniel Wentz, was born in Towamensing township, Carbon County, Pa., on May 6th, 1829. Married Salinda Hand in Franklin township (formerly part of Towamensing township) on February 28th, 1853.

Following are their children:

a.—Harriet Wentz, born in Franklin township on July 7th, 1854; was married to Lewis Ziegenfus at Lehighton, Carbon County, Pa., on December 26th 1874. Residence, Parryville, Carbon County, Pa.

b.—Tobias Wentz, born in Franklin township on April 28th, 1856.

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c.—Annie Eliza Wentz, born in Franklin township on November 8th, 1857; was married to Aaron Clauss at Lehighton, Carbon County, Pa., on May 20th, 1883. Residence, West Penn, Schuylkill County, Pa.

d.—Addison Wentz, born in Franklin township on January 22d, 1860. See Below.

e.—Isabella Wentz, born in Franklin township on January 1st, 1862. Died October 22d, 1876.

f.—Reuben Wentz, born in Franklin township on July 15th, 1864. Died October 19th, 1876.

g.—Joseph Elmer Wentz, born in Franklin township on October 19th, 1866.

h.—Laura Amelia Wentz, born in Franklin township on October 21st, 1870.

i.—Samuel Puriett Wentz, born in Franklin township on November 11th, 1874. Died October 24th, 1876.

j.—Jane Wentz, born at Parryville on June 28th, 1879.

HARRISON WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Parryville, Carbon County, Pa. He learned the Carpenter's trade, and also taught school for some years. Is now a Farmer.

ADDISON WENTZ, second son of Harrison Wentz, married Emma Belford at Parryville on August 20th, 1882.

DENNIS WENTZ, second son of Daniel Wentz, was born in Towamensing township, Carbon County, Pa., on June 2d, 1832. Married Henrietta Belford at Weissport, Carbon County, Pa., on January 31st, 1856.

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Following are their children :

a.—Sarah Jane Wentz, born in Franklin township, Carbon County, Pa., on January 12th, 1857; was married to Franklin Boyer at Parryville on June 5th, 1875. Residence, Parryville.

See below.

b.—Charles Wesley Wentz, born in Franklin township on July 22d, 1859.

c.—James Abraham Lincoln Wentz, born in Franklin township on February 8th, 1865.

d.—Ella Precilla Wentz, born in Franklin township on February 27th, 1870. Died June 10th, 1871.

Henrietta Belford Wentz died at Parryville, Carbon County, Pa., on March 16th, 1882.

Dennis Wentz, head of this family, is a farmer. Residence, Parryville.

Charles Wesley Wentz, oldest son of Dennis Wentz, married Amanda Rehig at Parryville on January 15th, 1881. Have two sons, viz. :

a.—Warren James Wentz, born at Parryville on August 21st, 1881.

b.—William Dennis Wentz, born at Parryville on April 11th, 1883.

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DESCENDANTS OF

JOHN WENTZ,

FOURTH SON OF

JOHANN JOST WENTZ.

JOHN WENTZ, fourth son of Johann Jost Wentz, was born in Upper Milford township, Northampton County (now Lehigh County), Pa., on July 19th, 1784. Married Salome Stettler at Berlinsville, Northampton County, Pa., in 1806.

Following are their children:

a.—Rebecca Wentz, born at Berlinsville on May 17th, 1807; was married to Alexander Schick at Kreidersville, Northampton County, Pa., on July 8th, 1825. Resides with her daughter, Mrs. Milton Ohl, at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa.

b.—Samuel Wentz, born at Berlinsville on May 5th, 1809. Died at Berlinsville on March 22d, 1827.

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c.—Elizabeth Wentz, born at Berlinsville on April 3d, 1811; was married to Thomas Knauss at Berlinsville, Northampton County, Pa., on January 25th, 1829. Residence, Bath, Northampton County, Pa.

d.—Stephen Wentz, born at Berlinsville on May 31st, 1813. Residence, Berlinsville.

e.—Lavinia Wentz, born at Berlinsville on August 19th, 1815; was married to William Siegfried at Bath, Northampton Coutny, Pa., on January 1st, 1837. Residence, Bath.

f.—Benjamin Wentz, born at Berlinsville on April 19th, 1818. Died at Berlinsville in 1830.

See Below. *g.*—Robert Wentz, born at Berlinsville, on December 15th, 1821.

h.—Samuel Wentz, born at Berlinsville, on May 24th, 1827.

JOHN WENTZ, head of this family, died at Lehigh Gap, near Slatington, Lehigh County, Pa., on November 14th, 1852. His occupations were coopering and farming.

Salome Stettler Wentz died at Berlinsville, on April 19th, 1880, aged 91 years.

ROBERT WENTZ, fourth son of John Wentz, was born at Berlinsville, on December 15th, 1821. Married Catherine Buss, at Pennsville, Northampton County, Pa., on December 25th, 1843.

Following are their children:

a.—Alfred Robert Wentz, born at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., on February 20th, 1845. This member of the family left his home about the year 1871, and was heard from at Middletown, Conn. soon

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after. Since then all trace of him has been lost, although he is said to have been seen at New Orleans in 1873.

b.—Vionetta Catherine Wentz, born at Cherryville, on September 27th, 1847. Was married to Owen Brinker at Cherryville, on February 24th, 1864. Residence, Pittsburgh, Pa.

c.—Emily Jane Wentz, born at Cherryville, on August 4th, 1850. Died at Cherryville, on October 31st, 1862.

d.—Campbell Walter Wentz, born at Cherryville, on June 8th, 1853. Occupation, plumber. Residence, Allentown, Pa.

e.—Wesley Nelson Wentz, born at Cherryville, on May 28th, 1857. Died July 30th, 1859.

f.—Lillie Mahita Wentz, born at Cherryville, on October 12th, 1860. Was married to Uriah Erig, at Allentown, Pa., on September 26th, 1879. Residence, Allentown.

g.—Addison Gillett Wentz, born at Cherryville, on October 29th, 1862.

Robert Wentz, head of this family, for many years owned the old Stone Hotel, at Cherryville, where he carried on a very successful business. He died at Cherryville, on September 14th, 1865. His wife resides at Allentown, Pa.

Samuel John Wentz, fifth son of John Wentz, was born at Berlinsville, Northampton County, Pa., on May 24th, 1827. Married Wilamena A. Everhart, at Kreidersville, Northampton County, Pa., on September 5th, 1850.

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Following are their children :

a.—Sarah Elizabeth Wentz, born at Berlinsville, on June 5th, 1851. Was married to Jefferson B. Newhart, in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pa., on January 22nd, 1868. Residence, Ashley, Carbon County, Pa.

b.—Ednah Catherine Wentz, born at Berlinsville, on October 22nd, 1853. Was married to J. H. Schneck, at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., on November 9th, 1871. Residence, Allentown, Pa.

See Below. *c.*—Calvin Walter Wentz, born at Berlinsville, on December 17th, 1856.

d.—Adelia Victoria Wentz, born at Berlinsville, on November 22d, 1867.

SAMUEL WENTZ, head of this family, resides at Berlinsville. Occupation, carpenter.

CALVIN WALTER WENTZ married Alice J. Leibenguth, at Slatington, Lehigh County, Pa., on May 23d, 1880. Residence, Berlinsville.

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DESCENDANTS OF

WILLIAM WENTZ,

FIFTH SON OF

JOHANN JOST WENTZ.

WILLIAM WENTZ, fifth and youngest son of Johann Jost Wentz, was born in Upper Milford Township, Northampton County, Pa., (now Lehigh County), on September 5th, 1789. Married Mary Catherine Walp, in Lehigh Township, on August 17th, 1811.

Following are their children:

a.—William Wentz, born in Lehigh Township, on May 17th, 1812. See Page 85.

b.—Reuben Walp Wentz, born in Lehigh Township, on November 11th, 1813. Was engaged in the dry goods business with Tefft, Weller & Co., New York City, up to the date of his death, October 19, 1883.

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See Page 86. *c.*—Aaron Wentz, born at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., on February 22d, 1817.

d.—Savina Wentz, born in Lehigh township, on June 16th, 1820; was married to Charles C. Thomas, at Binghamton, N. Y., on February 28th, 1843. Residence, Owego, N. Y.

e.—Sally Ann Wentz, born in Lehigh township, on October 23d, 1821; was married to George Congdon at Binghamton, N. Y.. in 1843. Died at Binghamton on September 3d, 1864.

Mary Catherine Wentz, Mother of this family, died at Binghamton, N. Y., on April 27th, 1823.

WILLIAM WENTZ married his second wife, Abagail Manning, at Binghamton, on March 14th, 1824.

Following are their children:

See Page 86. *a.*—James Monroe Wentz, born at Binghamton, N. Y., on December 15th, 1824.

b.—Lydia Ann Wentz, born at Binghamton, on March 16th, 1827; was married to Russell W. Adams at Binghamton, on June 19th, 1848. Residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.

WILLIAM WENTZ, head of this family, moved from Northampton County, Pa., to Binghamton, N. Y., in 1822. At the latter place he established quite an extensive coopering business. Too much good cannot be written or spoken of this relative. He was a man of retiring habits and disposition, and performed the duties of a private citizen with simple and quiet fidelity. His loyalty to his religous vows and to the Methodist Church was an example from which many have derived great benefit, and he was known among his numerous friends as one of God's noblemen. His kindness of heart made him easily approachable; none knew him but to esteem and revere him, and his memory and the

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record he has left is appreciatively cherished. The example of his life is, and his traits of character were such as should be an incitement for us all to emulate his high virtues, and to lead good and useful lives. He died at Binghamton, on January 23d, 1873. The old proverb regarding the dead, "Nothing except good," is surely applicable to this member of the family.

WILLIAM WENTZ, oldest son of William Wentz 1st, was born in Lehigh township, Northampton County, Pa., on May 17th, 1812. Married Mary Magdeline Deiter at Bath, Northampton County, Pa., on February 13th, 1832.

Following are their children:

a.—Amelia Marie Wentz, born at Bath, on February 7th, 1833; was married to C. C. Humphrey at Geneva, N. Y., on August 15th, 1852. Residence, Racine, Wisconsin.

b.—Mary Elizabeth Wentz, born at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on September 13th, 1834. Died at Racine, Wisconsin, on June 13th, 1867.

c.—Fannie Francis Wentz, born at Canoga, N. Y., on September 5th, 1836; was married to Peter Litzenberg, at Emerald Grove, Rock County, Wisconsin, on December 22d, 1859. Residence, Racine, Wisconsin.

d.—George Wilkison Wentz, born at Canoga, N. Y., on August 14th, 1838. Died at Geneva, N. Y., on April 13th, 1856.

e.—Warren Deiter Wentz, born at Canoga, N. Y., on January 18th, 1841. Residence, Geneva, N. Y.

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WILLIAM WENTZ, head of this family, died at Williamsport, Pa., on April 22d, 1876. His wife, Mary Magdeline Wentz, died at Racine, Wisconsin, on June 28th, 1882.

AARON WENTZ, second son of William Wentz, 1st, was born at Cherryville, Northampton County, Pa., on February 22d, 1817. Married Sarah Adelia Hunt in the city of New York on September 3d, 1847. His wife died at Warren, Ohio, on July 17th, 1870, and he was again married to Julia M. Baldwin at Washington, D. C., on June 5th, 1872. Has had no children. Residence, Warren, Ohio. Occupation, Dealer in Dry Goods.

JAMES MONROE WENTZ, fourth son of William Wentz, 1st, was born at Binghamton, N. Y., on December 15th, 1824. Married Amelia L. Deleree at Brooklyn, N. Y., on March 15th, 1848.

Following are their children:

a.—James Griswold Wentz, born at Brooklyn on December 4th, 1854. Is of the firm of Sweetser, Pembroke & Co., N. Y.

b.—Theodore Wentz, born at Brooklyn on September 2d, 1857.

c.—Mary Abagail Wentz, born at Brooklyn on November 4th, 1864.

JAMES MONROE WENTZ, head of this family, received a plain education at a district school in Binghamton, and at the age of twelve entered a store, where he continued until eighteen years of age. In 1843 he went to New York and engaged as Clerk in a Wholesale Dry Goods

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House, and remained in this business as Clerk and as Principal until 1878, when he retired. His success in Business has surpassed that of any member of the family. His clear, quick judgment of busines affairs combined with his Father's strong characteristics and sterling principles has made him successful in every enterprise. He is connected with many charitable undertakings, and has always been a member of the Methodist Church. His home at Newburg, N. Y., is one of the many fine residences with which the Hudson River is adorned.

THEODORE WENTZ, second son of James Monroe Wentz, married Sarah E. Ward at Newburg, N. Y., on December 9th, 1880. He is at the head of the Credit Department of the Wholesale Dry Goods House of Tefft, Weller & Co., 328 Broadway, N. Y.

The remains of Johann Jost Wentz, whose posterity are recorded in this book, are lying in the Cherryville Cemetery, Northampton County, Pa.

The remains of his oldest son, John Peter, are interred in what is called the "old cemetery" at Binghamton, N. Y.

The remains of his second son, Jacob, are interred in the Methodist churchyard at Danielsville, Northampton County, Pa.

The remains of his third son, John George, are interred in the cemetery at Weissport, Carbon County, Pa.

The remains of his fourth son, John, are interred in the Cherryville Cemetery, and the remains of his fifth son, William, are interred in Spring Forest Cemetery at Binghamton, N. Y.

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The remains of Magdeline Wentz Masters are in a small private graveyard at Berlinsville, Pa., and the remains of Elizabeth Wentz Rood are in the Old Cemetery at Binghamton.

Previous to the beginning of this record I was under the impression that ours was the only Wentz family in America. During my investigations, however, I discovered a family, the ancestors of which came to this country forty years earlier than our ancestor, and who can probably show a following as numerous as ours. Through the kindness of Mr. Charles E. Wentz, of Lancaster, Pa., I am enabled to present a very small portion of their record:

"The Forefathers of this family were four brothers, named respectively: Baltzer, John, George Karl, and ———, who sailed from Rotterdam in the ship *Samuel*, in June or July, 1831. They bought land and settled in the northern part of Philadelphia County (now Montgomery County), Pa., on the Skippack Creek, where they built a church, which still exists, and is known as Wentz's Church."

The descendants of this family are scattered over a larger territory than ours. Many, however, have remained in Pennsylvania.

During a recent visit to Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pa., I failed to obtain from relatives any additional intelligence of this family. Our Ancestor, when he journeyed from Philadelphia to Northampton County, travelled directly through Montgomery County, but so far as can be learned he was unaware of their close proximity, and he probably died without having any communication with them. R. W. W.

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Mr. Emanuel Wentz, of Germantown, Pa., (a descendant of this family), writes as follows: "My father's name was Levi and my grandfather's name was Mathias Wentz; both were born in Montgomery County. I was recently at the old Wentz graveyard, which is on the farm that was owned by our forefathers, who purchased it from Wm. Penn. I found on one stone, Peter Wentz, died November 1st, 1749. E. L. Wentz, died March 18th, 1744; and there are several others."

Henry Wentz, of Red Bluff, California, writes: "I was born in Roth, Kreis Marbourg, Kurhessen, Germany, and came to the United States in 1848."

Christopher Wentz, of Belle Plaine, Iowa, writes: "My grandfather, my father, my brother and myself were born in Sollinger Ober Amt. Durlach, Baden, Germany. Father, brother and I came to this country in 1855. From 1861 to 1865 I served in the Union Army.

John Wentz, corner Broome and Thompson Streets, New York, was born at Marschbach, Bavaria, where also his father was born. His grandfather was born at Kinzwailer near Marschbach. Has been in America for thirty-two years.

John Wentz Dyer, East 10th Street, New York, is a native of Baden.

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